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## *A personal history of the BBS*

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In 1982 I bought my first computer: a Radio Shack TRS Model 80 that ran “Pickles and Trout” CP/M. As a college senior, I bought it for word processing, so also acquired a copy of WordStar, the industry standard at that time. There was no color, except for monotonous green text. I had one game called P Man, where you guided a little letter *P* up ladders and down chutes avoiding rolling Os. I was a true novice, thrilled by just the concept of a *home* computer. My handy electric Smith Corona typewriter, which had seen me through five years of school, took its place in the back of my closet. I think I eventually sold it for fifteen dollars at a garage sale.

In January of 1983, my friend and roommate Dave Tieman, changed my life. Dave was the first real computer geek I ever met. He started computing back in 1981 on a Radio Shack color computer, and had taught himself BASIC programming. In 1982 he upgraded the memory on his computer from 8K to 16K by resoldering the memory chips to his motherboard. He was a computer god. Dave eventually took a job working for one of the first computer stores in town, which I think he did primarily to feed his hungry computer hobby with the necessary software and hardware it always seemed to crave. Dave was also moving on to his second modem—a 300-baud auto-answer screamer—and thereby freed up his old 300-baud manual answer, which he loaned me. Along with a borrowed copy of CrossTalk for CP/M, I took my first baby-step into the online world.

My first destination was a BBS called 8N1, named after the communications parameters required to connect to it. It was a storehouse of CP/M programs that anyone could download and run on their own computer. That’s where I found P Man, which consumed hundreds of hours of my free time over the next year. I also found a rare listing of other local BBSs I could call. After visiting them all, I settled down in on a magical place called The Abyss. Unlike the other exceedingly plain BBSs I had visited, this one had some flair. The sysop was known only as Lolth, Spider Goddess, and was accompanied by her ever-devoted servant, Shadow. As an avid Dungeons and Dragons player at the time (this is what I did with all my free time *not* spent on the computer), this place felt comfortable. The



main focus of the BBS was online discussion, which occurred in a dozen or so *conferences* on topics ranging from computers to politics. This wasn't real-time—you read the messages and replied to those you found compelling, which would be read by the next logger.

The Abyss had one phone line—first come, first served. It was, of course, a free system, as were all BBSs at the time. The more you participated, the more time the sysop allotted you. Access was purely at the discretion of the Spider Goddess, whom you certainly did not want to piss off. She moderated the forums with a steady yet stern hand, keeping the discussion from reverting to a ranting tirade of name calling and profanity, which for some reason always seemed to be the course of an unmoderated online discussion. She was a supremely reasonable goddess, whose words were always well chosen. She was a respected deity, not prone to the megalomania which affected mere mortal sysops of other BBSs. Even when reprimanding unruly callers, she never did it on their level, and never made them feel unwelcome. If you just kept your conversations on topic, and respected the other callers, you would not have to worry about your place on the Abyss.

It was on the Abyss that I developed my first online *persona*. I was Sir Atreus, a name chosen from my favorite Dungeons and Dragons character. Sir Atreus was a bold knight, quick to take on any challenge, yet always respectful of his friends and adversaries alike. I was quick to defend the honor of others whom I felt were treated shabbily, and I was always ready and able to attack anyone saying an unkind word about the Spider Goddess. I envisioned that perhaps one day, I too could become a devoted servant of the Realm, like Shadow, and take my place alongside Lolth.

Visiting the Abyss was a daily ritual, often taking hours of redialing to get in on that single phone line. It was not uncommon to find me online at 2 or 3 A.M., furiously typing out replies to that day's discussions, pointing out falsities in logic, describing new options, and proving my point. We had the answers to all the world's problems. We knew the directions the computer industry would take over the next ten years. We could take on any personal dilemma with insightful advice. We understood all the intricacies of international politics and knew what actions needed to be taken. We were college students with computers and modems, and we knew everything.

In retrospect, this first experience with the online world shaped my life. By summer of 1982 I dropped out of law school after only two semesters to pursue a career in computers. School was simply taking too much time away from my new interest, which I even knew back then was more than a mere hobby. The BBS was the center of my social being and the computer was an extension of my mind. Eventually I got a job working at the same computer store as my friend Dave. Over time, the world of Gary Killdall and CP/M was replaced by the world of Bill Gates and MS-DOS. My 300-baud modem became a 1200-baud modem, and then



a 2400-baud modem. Before long, I was a bona fide expert in an industry where nobody seemed to know a whole lot about anything.

Sometime around 1986, the Abyss faded into obscurity. The Spider Goddess, who turned out to be a very young and extraordinarily shy and quiet preteen, had better things to do, such as graduate high school. Shadow, the faithful servant, was in fact her older brother, and left to take some high-tech job in another state. At the time I saw this as an end to an era, and even speculated that BBSs would be sucked down into a real abyss by the up-and-coming national services, like CompuServe. For a short time I was even a member of CompuServe, but it never gave me the same sense of *place* that I felt on the Abyss. And there were no Spider Goddesses or soft-spoken moderators. If you messed up on CompuServe, you were unceremoniously booted offline. I became a wanderer. We all became ex-Abyss wanderers searching desperately for a new home in the online world. We tried every new BBS that opened up, we mourned the BBSs that closed down.

During Christmas of 1986, Dave and I decided to get together and buy our mutual friend, dungeon master, and ex-Abysser, Paul Martin, a special Christmas gift. Paul started like the rest of us, tinkering and playing around with early home computers, and had something we lacked—a spare computer. It was an Atari 1040ST that Paul had bought a year earlier to play some great games. Well, Dave and I splurged and bought a \$25 BBS program for it. In January of 1987, Paul, Dave, and myself started the Dragon Keep BBS with a single 300-baud modem and a 720K floppy drive. Paul became The Dragon, and Dave and I became his ever-devoted servants Loric and Cerebus. We designed the BBS around what we had learned from the Abyss—do it with flair, treat members with respect, and create a real place people can call home. And many people did.

Over the next nine years Dragon Keep grew and matured much like the online world itself. In 1989 we shifted platforms to a DOS-based PC, and our BBS software to MajorBBS by Galacticomm. We spent almost six months redesigning the BBS to look and feel like the Atari-based BBS. After all, this was the home for several hundred other modemers, and we didn't want to upset our online family. We chose this new platform because it allowed us to have more than one phone line, and therefore would eliminate much of the 3 AM redial sessions we all had to endure. It also allowed us to have live chat, so instead of writing messages back and forth over time, we could talk in real-time. But I think what really sold us on the idea was a game called Galactic Empire where upwards of sixteen players could fly through a fantasy universe in customizable space ships and blow each other up—real-time.

We had no idea at the time how going multiline would alter this online community, and it did change the face of BBSing for us and everyone else for evermore. In the old Abyss days, visiting the BBS was a solitary activity. You read messages at your pace, and replied in the quietude of your home computer. Although you knew others were members of the same community, once you were

online, you were by yourself. The very nature of a multiline BBS changes the ethereal quality and atmosphere of the place. Now when you visited, the first order of business is to see who else was online too. The pace was fast and furious. Games that were played turn-by-turn over weeks and months, were replaced with real-time, heart-pounding, life-and-death episodes where decisions had to be made in seconds. Discussions could be started in live chat and completed in the same login.

When BBSs started going multiline, they went from having a small-town, slow-paced atmosphere to a more dynamic and interactive cyber-city. We also soon discovered that the more lines, the better the interaction. The feel of the community used to change daily, but once the additional lines went in the feel changed hourly. Eventually we grew to 40 phone lines, and over 4,000 members. By late 1994 we had received more than one million calls. This hobby was clearly getting out of hand, but regardless of how large our community grew, or how much better our features and software became, the BBS was still a place you could call home.

When the Internet became available to me in mid 1994, I felt a revolution was in the making. When I finally ventured out on the World Wide Web, my first reaction was that it felt like a highway full of bill boards. Lots of pretty pictures to look at but no place to pull over. There was no resting place on the Web. I also felt like I did when I called my first BBS. I was *there*, but where was everyone else? A Web site is basically an online publication and the user's only interaction is with the author of the site. Outside of reading someone's guest book, or noticing a site's hit counter, you'd have no idea that anyone else had ever been there. Web sites only half-heartedly wanted my input, which would be solely for the eyes of the Webmaster. These were relatively static places. I'd also estimate that at least half of all Web sites are merely lists of links to other Web sites. I suppose you could say that after spending a decade online, I was not immediately impressed by what the Internet had to offer.

The power of the Internet, and its relationship to the BBS world, is the power of communications. In addition to the basic Web browser, Internet users have an array of tools that can be used to take advantage of the connectivity that comes along with the superhighway. One of these tools is called *telnet*, and with it, users can connect to Internet-connected BBSs around the world. For the most part, the Internet-connected BBS is still just a BBS—a place designed to encourage human interaction. It is surprising how little the basic concept has changed. There is a steady and slow migration of BBSs to the Web, and with that migration, the Web will, in fact, become an interactive environment. The move is simply because more people have access to the Web than any other part of the Internet, and BBS sysops are abundantly aware of that fact. With that move, I believe the Web will be greatly enriched and changed for all time.

The technology of the BBS has changed dramatically. Message conferences have grown from a dozen or so local topics, to thousands of inter-networked



conferences with hundreds of thousands of participants. Back in 1982, twenty megabytes of files was an impressive collection. In 1996 there is a BBS with an amazing 175 CDs online (each with 600 megabytes of files). Multiuser chat has blossomed from a dozen local BBSers to thousands of Internet-connected chatters. And games...well, I would not have thought that P Man could have evolved so quickly to the virtual reality world of multiplayer Doom in only fourteen years.

Over the years BBSs have come a long way, yet remain true to the spirit of the information age. As the Internet's only real interactive communities, BBSs are there to remind everyone that the power of the Internet is people, not technology. No matter how far you may travel on the I'way, you'll always come home to your BBS. In some respects, I miss the simplicity of my old Abyss, but I would not go back even if I could. This new world has some real possibilities.

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## What is this book about?

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This book is about Internet BBSs, but before I explain the world of the Internet and the less-easily-defined *BBS*, let me begin with a short, and personal, historical perspective. How this book came to be is a direct result of circumstance and fate and what it is about is founded in its creation.

In early 1994 a quiet electronic revolution began. BBSs that were generally only accessible through local phone dial-up began to connect to the Internet. This feat was primarily accomplished by advances in software technology and inspired by plummeting Internet connection costs. Suddenly it was not only technically feasible to connect a BBS to the Internet but it was economically practical as well. Some BBSs had been on the Internet for years before this time but they were nothing like the kinds of systems now embarking on this journey. These were systems that offered *everything*, not just a forum for public discussion. I call them *real* BBSs, and I expect I'll get a lot of flack for this definition.

My partner Paul Martin and I started our BBS in 1987. In the summer of 1994, we hooked it up to the Internet. At the time this was not an easy decision to make. Only four other BBSs had actually done it. We barely knew what the Internet was, much less how to connect our BBS to it. After months of research, dozens of long distance phone calls to Internet providers, and thousands of dollars in software and hardware, we were finally ready to get online. Our primary goal was to expand our little BBS community to a worldwide audience. Our secondary goal was to offer inexpensive Internet access to our local dialing area. We believed that, once we got hooked-up, everyone would magically find us out there in Internet-land. Like I said earlier, we didn't know much about the Internet.

When the moment came that we actually connected to the Internet, we expected to see our telnet channels (Internet connections) light up with eager new signups. After all, when we first went multiline five years earlier, our fourteen modems lit up like the proverbial Christmas tree. So we sat, patiently watching our twenty-four Internet-accessible telnet lines for some kind of activity. Nothing. We tested them to make sure they were working. We called friends in other states to try it out as well. They were working, but no one was calling. Didn't anyone

realize our amazing accomplishment? Didn't anyone realize that this was costing us over \$1,000 a month? It slowly dawned on us that nobody knew we were here.

Operation Spread the Word began in earnest. First, we sent press releases to every newspaper, magazine, television, and radio station we could think of. Why the *New York Times* would care about a Gainesville, Florida BBS hooking up to the Internet didn't matter—we were getting the word out, damn it, and at least *we* were quite impressed with what we had done. The local TV station and newspaper ran nice stories, and a few locals started calling us to use the Internet, but still no one was coming in *from* the Internet.

It eventually occurred to us that we needed to get the word out on the Internet itself. We wrote BBS ads and plastered them everywhere we could find. (We now know this was a breach of Internet etiquette called *spamming*, which I'll explain later in the book). We received our share of flames (nasty messages from Internet users, that I'll also explain later). Finally, a few people wandered online from the Internet but it was nothing like what we expected. Weren't there supposed to be 50 million worldwide Internet users? We expected a reasonable number of Internet callers, perhaps in the neighborhood of 50,000 (after all, that's only 0.1%) but less than 100 was...well...it was unfathomable!

This entire experience was our first real Internet lesson. In a cyberspace world filled with literally millions of destinations and millions of travelers, you are practically invisible unless you show up on a common road map. Imagine trying to find a small town in Florida without having any idea where in Florida it is and not finding it listed on any map. Even worse, imagine that you don't even know what state or even what country the small town is located in. This was our problem, and our solution eventually lead to the writing of this book.

Internet *road maps* come in two varieties: those that are available through the Internet, and those that are written with old-fashioned paper and ink. Our first search was for those road maps on the Internet itself. We found several excellent resource guides, and even a couple of lists dedicated to BBSs. We immediately submitted our BBS listing to these long-revered oracles of Internet knowledge. After waiting a couple of months we found our requests rejected. Was there no place left on the Internet road map for our friendly online community? We'd paid our dues, done the research, and got hooked up. Didn't the Internet need interesting and exciting new destinations? The answer was yes...and no. We were in the middle of a full-fledged controversy, brought upon by an interesting transition period occurring on the Internet at the very moment we happened to get online. As Internet newbies, we had no idea what was going on.

Anyone who has ever picked up an *Introduction to the Internet* book, or even read a newspaper article about the Internet, is reminded that the whole thing began as a government project; specifically as a Defense Department project, but eventually it grew into a global network of educational institutions. In the United States, college and university Internet access was heavily subsidized by the National Science Foundation (NSF). All of that changed a couple of years ago



when the government decided to give up the Internet business. The key word here is *Business*, with a capital B. Internet access is now run and controlled by independent corporations. The last of the NSF subsidies will vanish in 1996, and even universities will have to pay for their Internet access. With this bit of background, let me continue my tale.

Little did we know, but everyone wasn't as impressed with BBSs emergence onto the Internet as we were. In fact, to the Internet world at the time, BBSs were generally seen as student-run discussion areas housed and supported by university computer systems, offering free services to the public. The *public* at that time consisted mostly of other students, academics, and government employees. Our pay-based, full-service BBS represented an example of a growing tide of rampant commercialization of the Internet. It didn't matter that we didn't take salaries or any profits from the BBS, nor did it matter that we only charged 50 cents an hour. All that mattered was that we were a business in the eyes of the Internet world. Our biggest and only mistake was that we didn't run our system on taxpayer dollars.

The fact of the matter is that there are very few free, privately owned BBSs in the world that are also attached to the Internet. The Internet phone bill of \$500–\$5000 a month is probably a good reason for this statistic. If the Internet BBS doesn't charge for usage, then it usually means that the BBS is doing some other kind of money-making business on the side (for example, software-support BBSs). However, it appeared that every Internet resource list and every Internet BBS list included only these free, government-sponsored BBSs. To make matters worse, these systems weren't what we considered BBSs at all. To us, BBSs were systems that ran on personal computers, were started by individual enthusiasts, and offered a little bit of everything. These other systems were run on multimillion dollar university mainframes, and offered very few of the services used by the general public, assuming they were even allowed access.

About this same time another revolution occurred. The privatization of the Internet opened a floodgate of new and competing Internet service providers (ISPs). Even the major online services, such as CompuServe and America Online, were offering inexpensive Internet access. Everyone now had, or would shortly have, affordable Internet access. These Internet novices (or *newbies*) were also regular people, not just college students and researchers. These were our kind of people, the kind we had been serving for over eight years, those looking for a new game to download or some friendly online companionship. The need for good road maps was now becoming urgent, and the old Internet oracles were simply not prepared to create them.

In November 1994, I released the first edition of the "Guide to Select BBSs on Internet" (the SBI list). It included a very modest 35 *real* Internet BBSs. The very next month the list was published in *West Coast Online Magazine*, a regional California high-tech newspaper, which only goes to prove that the West Coast is, indeed, just a bit ahead of everyone else. We made the list available through all

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the Internet channels—Usenet, FTP, email, and, of course, the World Wide Web. Internet BBSs finally had their very own road map.

Over the next year, the SBI list grew to over 400 Internet BBSs and had been accessed and read by an estimated 500,000 online computer users. The list of BBSs and telnet addresses was also printed in national publications, such as *Boardwatch Magazine* and *BBS Magazine*.

So what is this book about? This book is a culmination of that road map first created in 1994. It is designed to get the word out about some of most exciting and most interesting destinations on the Internet. Internet BBSs are not simply computer services on the Internet, and they are far more than the unorganized collections of pictures and data we call the Web (even though some BBSs are, in fact, moving to the Web—but you'll have to read Chapter 3 to see how they are pulling off this feat). Internet BBSs are the most genuine cyber-communities the Internet has to offer. These are not merely places for spectators—BBSs are interactive, live, and dynamic communities shaped as much by their users as by their creators. This book will explain to the novice user how to get connected to these cyber-communities, and how to get along with their fellow inhabitants. For the experienced user, this book will serve as a vivid travelogue of the best the Net has to offer. So get your modem warmed up and hold on tight, 'cause there are no speed limits on *this* highway.

## *How to use this book*

This book contains five chapters. Chapter 1 offers a general overview of the Internet and BBSs for the newcomer. Chapter 2 explains how to connect to Internet BBSs, including how to setup your Web browser to use telnet. Chapter 3 offers a more detailed description of what kind of services and features you can expect to find on Internet BBSs. For the impatient Internetter, Chapter 4 is a quick-start guide designed to get you online and experiencing Internet BBSs right away. Finally, Chapter 5 takes you on a guided tour of over over 450 Internet BBSs. Several appendices are also included which give the Internet addresses to virtually every Internet BBS in the world (or at least those in existence at the time of this writing), including an area index to help you find an Internet BBS local to you.

## *Submitting and updating BBS entries*

If you are the sysop of an Internet-connected BBS, you are encouraged to submit your information for possible inclusion in future revisions of this book, as well as entry into the Internet BBS List Web site. The easiest method (and the one preferred by the author) is directly through the Web at <http://www.dkeep.com/sbi.htm>.





## *Chapter 1*

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# *The Internet BBS*

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## *An obligatory definition*

Everyone writing about the Internet starts off with a definition of what it is. As if by providing the definition people will gain a 30-second-sound-byte understanding or instant insight into what is a vast parallel universe. I believe this is a reflection of just how new the Internet is to most people. Eventually the Internet will be as common as television. I would imagine that when television was first invented, people writing about it also had to explain what a TV was and how it worked. Of course, now that everyone is familiar with TV, it would be unusual to see someone talking about game shows starting off with a detailed explanation of the technology behind the TV set. In that vein, I will not go into a detailed technical explanation of what the Internet really is because only those people involved on the technical side of the Internet really care. (I'll be the first to admit that I don't really understand how television works, but that doesn't stop me from watching it.)

Simply put, the Internet is a worldwide communications network, similar in many ways to the phone system. When you place a call in New York to a friend in Australia, your voice-data connection is routed through dozens of computerized relays and switches and eventually your friend answers the phone G'day. Do you really care how you got connected? Of course not. What you care about is how much is this going to cost, and how come there's so much static on the line? All you needed to know to place the call was the phone number and the basic understanding of how to dial a telephone. Eventually, the Internet will be as easy to use as a telephone, but until that time, people will have to depend on technical guides (such as this book).

The phrase *information super highway* (a phrase I rather liked the first hundred times I heard it) is a very good description of its current state of operation. To get on the highway you need to find an on-ramp, and to actually arrive somewhere you need to find an off-ramp. Just like a real highway, you sometimes have to seek these ramps out. On-ramps to the Internet are called Internet service providers (or ISPs). They allow you to use your computer, phone, and modem to call the ISP's computer, which in turn is connected to the Internet. Once you get on the Internet, your final destination, let's say ExecPC BBS in Wisconsin to download that new game you've looked everywhere for, becomes your off-ramp. Off-ramps are called Internet content providers (or ICPs) since they actually provide more than mere communications services. In the phone analogy, your Australian friend is the ICP and your phone company is the ISP. Unlike the phone company, however, ISPs can also be ICPs, and vice versa. (Are you confused yet?) Most Internet BBSs, for example, provide local BBS callers access to the Internet (making them ISPs), even though a BBS is essentially an ICP.



## *The real cyberspace*

Describing the Internet, or the general online world for that matter, in terms of networks, computers, modems, ISPs, and ICPs is like describing the works of Shakespeare as leather-bound collections of treated wood pulp covered in inked symbolic cryptograms. The online world is far more than the sum of its cybernetic parts. It's a real *place*.

What was once the domain of hackers, geeks, and an odd assortment of other computer enthusiasts is now a mainstream and perhaps *common* gathering place for ordinary people throughout the world. This place is also called *cyberspace* or *the Net*, though I think even more descriptive phrases are yet to be created. To those who venture these electronic roads it is a place as real as the local tavern or the neighborhood grocery store. It is all of those places we see every day and far more: a realm defined by the imagination of its creators that need not be constrained by the laws of the physical world. It is a vast Interbahn where the speed of travel is so instantaneous that distance is not even measured or considered—all places are virtually equidistant. Scattered throughout this landscape are shopping malls and department stores, libraries and universities, galleries and museums. There are also parks and play grounds, video arcades and carnivals, bars and private clubs. Everything and anything that exists in our physical world has a replica in cyberspace, and every place, from the largest government metropolplex to the seediest back-alley strip joint, is right next door.

## *BBSs and the Internet*

People venture onto the information highways seeking companionship, information, entertainment, and most of all, a place to call their own. Some of these places are called bulletin board systems (BBSs). Long before anyone had ever heard of the Internet, the computer BBS dominated the online world. A BBS can range from a home computer and modem running a freeware BBS program, to an office crammed with hundreds of personal computers linked together on a network running customized software. BBS operators, called *sysops*, range from eleven-year-old school kids to 70-year-old entrepreneurs. BBSs represent such a diverse range of subjects, technologies, and purposes, it is difficult to define them as one thing. A BBS is better defined as a class of online service, usually run by an individual (although many have entire paid staffs), and sometimes catering to a specific interest area (even though most are general interest). Most BBSs are run on a single personal computer (PC), and most offer some or all of the following services:

- Local electronic mail (email) between users on the BBS.
- Remote email between users on other BBSs, or other networks, and may include Internet email.
- Public and private bulletin boards, where users have ongoing discussions about a wide range of topics. These are usually organized by subject matter, and may be tied into networks beyond the local BBS (such as Internet newsgroups or Fidonet conferences).
- Libraries of shareware and public domain files available for download to the users' home PCs.
- Real-time chat, where users can talk to other users. Sometimes this service is linked into a network of remote systems that allow users to interact between multiple BBSs or other systems (such as Worldlink or Internet Relay Chat).
- Multiplayer games, often featuring real-time interaction with both computer and human opponents.

Starting back around 1980 with only a few dozen, BBSs have grown in number to over 75,000 worldwide. According to Phil Becker, a leading BBS software author, total BBS users outnumber all major online services combined—about 50 million users worldwide. At a recent ONE BBSCON convention, nearly 10,000 BBS operators gathered from around the globe, representing over 100,000 individual phone lines, servicing over 5 million users.

### *BBSs are the Internet's virtual communities*

A phrase I often hear bandied about by online experts and any one of the dozen or so trendy online magazines is *global village*. But can anyone really define a village as global? The reality is that the online world is divided and subdivided much like the world we see every day. Just like the real world (the *offline world*), everyone online doesn't live in the same place, even though getting from one place to another on the Interbahn is amazingly simple. The online landscape is a tapestry of virtual cities, towns, and villages. I guess it's just a fact of being human, but people tend to gather and interact in relatively small groups. When I started my own BBS we had a single phone line and about 200 members. We were a very small village indeed. As we added lines our numbers swelled to over 5,000. One of the social dynamics of our growth was that we simply became too big to be comfortable for some members, while others preferred the diversity of the larger group. If some people thought 5,000 was too big to be cozy, I would image that far more are even less impressed by America Online's claim of three million members of what can only be called a true online city. In the virtual world, BBSs



exist for the same reason we have thousands of smaller communities in the offline world—people hate crowds. The concept of a global community comes from the fact that the Internet is like a vast, global interstate highway system, but forgets that, even though we have the ability to travel from one city to another, we still have the human need to carve out one small place to call home.

BBSs range from small villages to medium sized cities, while most are what I would call towns. A town usually has a variety of meeting places within its borders, but still tends to be small enough for everyone to know each other by name. Just like an offline town, BBSs have special events designed to give members a sense of unity and community. Whether a BBS's townsfolk are joined by proximity or common interests, it is the interaction between them that creates the community and not the features and functions of the computer system that merely facilitates their congregation. The buildings, roads, post offices, and shopping malls are there as necessities for living and gathering, but just as social interaction is the heartbeat of a town, social interaction makes so many BBSs special places to the people who proudly call themselves its members.

The fact remains that without BBSs on the Internet, there would be no true Internet communities at all. The major online services are simply too big and costly for many computer users, and the much touted World Wide Web, in its present form, is simply noninteractive. Since I mentioned the Web, it's interesting to note that many BBSs are making efforts to use the Web as an interactive medium, and those Web sites I have seen that are becoming interactive environments have come from existing BBSs. I believe that by late 1996, there will be a significant number of interactive, Web-based BBSs (or BBSs with some kind of Web interface beyond an ad page for the real BBS).

## *BBSs join the Internet*

Starting in the summer of 1994, BBSs began hooking up to the Internet. Originally, BBSs were strictly thought of as dial-up online services, and this meant that unless users were willing to pay enormous long-distance phone charges they generally only called their local BBSs. All of this changed that summer, and scarcely anyone noticed. Formerly local or regional BBSs were suddenly accessible *internationally*. Anyone with Internet access could use a telnet client to log in to an Internet-attached BBS, and avoid long-distance telephone charges entirely. Even expensive Internet providers charging \$1 to \$2 an hour were a bargain compared to the average \$6 an hour long-distance charge. The BBS sysop could now compete head-to-head with America Online, Prodigy, and CompuServe, offering wide-ranging services at a fraction of the cost of the big guys. As Internet access has become increasingly widespread, the popularity and incidence of BBSs on the

Internet has grown dramatically. Internet BBSs offer the best alternative to the major online service, both in cost and fulfillment of users' needs. Although many BBSs are now internationally accessible, they continue to offer a far more intimate community and duplicate most of the features found in the largest major online services. Users on a BBS, whether Internet accessible or not, develop a true sense of place or atmosphere, and an individual is far more likely to find a fellow traveler with similar interests on a BBS.

Another significant result of the BBS Internet migration is the move from being primarily a provider of *local* online services to becoming an actual ISP. Almost 40% of all known ISPs in the United States were originally local online services providers (i.e., BBSs). Of the Internet BBSs listed in this book, approximately 90% also provide some level of Internet access for their local communities. Particularly noteworthy is that BBSs usually provide the *most cost-effective Internet access* in the area. In addition to acquiring on-ramps, the user is also treated to the many services offered by the BBS itself. How wonderful for the Internet BBS user, after spending many hours roaming the cold vastness of cyberspace, to kick back and relax for an evening of pleasant conversation on a local BBS.

### *A look ahead*

Predicting the future of cyberspace is a task attempted by writers every day, and in retrospect, is not usually very accurate. Predictions always seem to be dictated more by the background and interests of the predictor, than actual objective reality. Regardless, predictions about the future of the online world, the Internet, and BBSs are all subject to the imaginations of individuals as yet unknown. Who, back in 1980, could have predicted that a young Bill Gates would change the world as we know it. What I'm getting at is that whatever I predict, or John Dvorak predicts, or Bill Gates predicts, or your next-door-neighbor-computer-geek predicts is probably not what *will* be, but more likely what they would *like* it to be, or what they are *afraid* it will become.

I would prefer instead to make several observations from the perspective of simple human nature and not the vast unknown reaches of technical science fiction. Technology will continue to advance as it has always, and the online world will become faster, larger, easier, and, well, a lot more like TV.

First, let's consider the Web. Not a day goes by when someone doesn't write that the Web will soon take over all online services. BBSs will soon die out and the major online services will become mere ISPs. I say "Rubbish!" and I say it without hesitation. The Web is like an endless magazine with constantly changing page references and information. It can be very valuable (though it rarely is), and it is undoubtedly very interesting (at least for awhile). In general, however, the Web is



not a suitable platform for people to interact with each other. When you are using the Web you are interacting with the author of the page you happen to be viewing, and your interaction is generally limited to reading and viewing what the author has to say. It's a lot like reading this book. When, and if, the Web advances to the point where it can provide real-time interaction between users, when it actually becomes an online community, then the Web site will have actually become a BBS. BBS sysops should always remember that the technological platform for their community is in constant flux. Their online community is not the collection of software and hardware components that allow the computer system to run—it is the people and the interaction between them that creates their world, and the essential reason why BBSs will always remain a valuable segment of the online world.

The second most common fallacy I hear about the future is that the major online services will take over the BBS world. Again, BBSs will die out, and everyone will become a part of these larger online cities. This would defy human nature as we know it. Everyone cannot and will not live in the same city, or for that matter, a dozen cities. People tend to congregate in smaller groups that they can call communities. The larger online services, like all large municipalities, tend to be impersonal and somewhat generic. Even though they themselves are attempting to divide into smaller groups, they lack the coziness and warmth of the BBS.

Realities of the online world also support this conclusion. Over 70% of major online service members are *also* members of at least one BBS. For every member of a major online service, there are at least three members of a BBS. Although there has been a meteoric rise in the number of major online service users, there has been a comparable rise in BBS membership.

BBSs are thriving like never before, and I predict will continue to thrive (in whatever form) well into the next century.







## *chapter 2*

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# *Getting online with an Internet BBS*

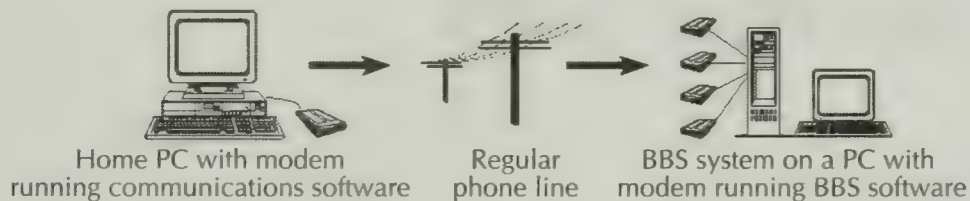
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## *Making the right connection*

For most Internet BBSs, there are two ways to get online: either you call directly by phone, or you access the BBS through the Internet. In this chapter we'll examine a variety of ways to use the Internet to connect to a BBS, including telnet and the World Wide Web, and what to do once you get connected.

### *Dial-up access*

If the BBS is in your local dialing area, you can simply dial it up using ordinary communications software such as QmodemPro, PcPlus, or Telix. For local BBSs, this method is undoubtedly the easiest and least expensive. You can also dial up BBSs that are not local to you, but you'll usually end up with an expensive long-distance phone bill.



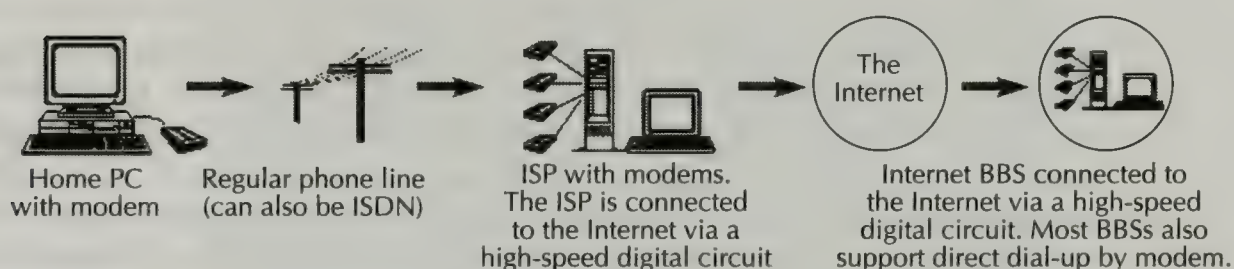
**Normal dial-up BBS connection**

Some BBSs offer special local-access phone numbers that charge considerably less than regular long-distance services, but usually a bit more than direct Internet access. These BBSs use public or private data networks, which act like private long-distance services. Charges for this kind of access range between \$2 and \$4 per hour (compared to the average long-distance charge of about \$6 per hour). Since this type of access is specific to the BBS, local access phone numbers and procedures are available on the BBS itself. Where possible, voice numbers have been provided in the Internet BBS listing in the last chapter of this book for additional information about this type of service. A good example would be Concentric Research Corporation's BBS Direct program, which provides local dial-up numbers in most major American cities that will get you connected to dozens of BBSs around the world.



## Using telnet to access Internet BBSs

By far, the easiest and least expensive method for accessing long-distance Internet BBSs is using a special program called telnet. Telnet allows you to use the Internet to call a remote system through the Internet itself. All Internet BBSs have an address, and telnet uses this address much like a regular phone number to locate and log in to the BBS wherever it happens to be in the world. Unlike a regular phone number, however, all Internet addresses are local calls, and there are no long-distance charges. Once you have access to the Internet, logging into a system in Spain costs no more than logging in to a system in New York, regardless of your actual location. As you can see, the Internet acts like a super long-distance carrier for Internet BBSs, saving you from the high cost of out-of-state and international toll calls.



Type of access	User	ISP
SLIP or PPP	PC runs Windows and Winsock (or compatible SLIP socket). Winsock provides an interface between the modem and the telnet client application, which also runs on the user's PC.	ISP acts as a pass-through gateway to the Internet.
Shell	User runs terminal communications software	Telnet client runs on ISP's computer
Integrated services	User runs terminal or specialized communications software. Telnet client can run on ISP's computer or on user's computer.	Telnet is either integrated into the ISP's main software, or is run as an external client.

### Using telnet to access an Internet BBS

By now you probably are beginning to understand why so many BBSs are rushing to hook up to the Internet. Once connected, the BBS becomes a local call to any of the approximate 25 million Internet users in the United States, and 100 million international Internet users worldwide. As of the writing of this book, there are over 500 Internet accessible BBSs to choose from, with over 20 being added every month.

Once you're set up with an Internet Service Provider (ISP, see Appendix A), you're almost ready to get online with an Internet BBS. Regardless of the kind of Internet connection you use, SLIP, PPP, shell, or integrated access, telnet will be your primary mode of transportation. If you are like most Internet users, you'll use SLIP or PPP and telnet, which I'll explain first.

### *SLIP/PPP and telnet*

Just having a SLIP or PPP connection doesn't get you on the net—you'll need software. SLIP and PPP connections use special client software. Internet software programs are called clients because they are used to connect to servers on the Internet, but do most of the work on your own PC. About 75% of all SLIP and PPP users use Netscape Navigator as the primary client to access the Internet. While Navigator will let you access the Web, it does not include a telnet client. The Internet BBS Starter Kit diskette included with this book includes a shareware copy of Netterm, an excellent Winsock-compatible telnet client. The main requirement is that your system runs Windows 3.1 or higher, or Windows '95. (Telnet clients are also available for the Apple Macintosh and OS/2, though they are not included on the diskette.) Some ISPs include software with their Internet services, and you'll want to check with them to see if they include a telnet client or have one they can provide for you. Many of the newer Internet browsers you can buy off-the-shelf include telnet as a basic part of the package. Cyberjack (by Delrina), NetCruiser (by Netcom), Chameleon (by Spry), The Internet Explorer (Microsoft), and Hyperterminal (included with Windows '95), are all good examples. If your Web browser doesn't include a telnet client, don't worry, you can always add it to your system.

Most telnet clients use Trumpet Winsock as their Windows driver. This is the same driver used by Navigator, so chances are you already are running it on your system—you just may not know it. Winsock allows Windows to talk TCP/IP, the communications language used most commonly used on the Internet. Winsock is also the program that actually dials up your ISP and starts your SLIP or PPP data connection.



## Configuring Winsock

If you are already using Navigator or some other Internet client, Winsock is probably already configured for use with your ISP. If not, setting up Winsock only takes a few minutes.

You'll need to supply Winsock with some information specific for your ISP. There is a shareware version of Winsock provided on the Internet BBS Starter Kit Diskette included with this book.

The image shows a 'Network Configuration' dialog box with the following fields and options:

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- Netmask: (empty)
- Name server: 204.198.40.67
- Domain Suffix: com
- Default Gateway: (empty)
- Time server: (empty)
- Packet vector: (empty)
- MTU: 1500
- TCP RWIN: 4096
- TCP MSS: 1460
- Demand Load Timeout (secs): 5
- TCP RTO MAX: 60
- ☒ Internal SLIP ☐ Internal PPP
- SLIP Port: 1
- Baud Rate: 38400
- ☒ Hardware Handshake
- ☒ Van Jacobson CSLIP compression
- Online Status Detection:
  - ☒ None
  - ☐ DCD (RLSD) check
  - ☐ DSR check
- Buttons: Ok, Cancel

Winsock configuration dialog

- 1 From the File pull-down menu, select Setup.
- 2 At the Network Configuration screen, you'll need to configure the following options with information provided by your ISP:
  - *Name server* This is the IP address of the domain name server used by your ISP. The information is entered in IP format (for example, 198.54.204.10). This server is used to translate Internet domain names into numeric IP addresses, which are required for Internet communications.
  - *Internal SLIP or PPP* You will need to check either SLIP or PPP. Ask your ISP if they support PPP, the technically superior option. If not, SLIP will work just fine.

- *Slip Port* This is the communications port your modem is attached to (usually COM1 or COM2, but possibly COM3 or COM4 for some internal modems). Just enter the communications port number here (i.e., enter 1 for COM1).
  - *Baud Rate* 38400 is good for most 14.4 modems. If you are having problems communicating with your modem, try 19200 or 9600 instead.
  - *Hardware Handshake* Most high-speed, error-correcting modems use hardware handshaking. Check this box.
  - *Van Jacobson Compression* Also called CSLIP. If supported by your ISP, this option will give you higher performance, and you should select it. If you are unsure, leave the box unchecked.
- 3 The four items above are the primary information needed for most SLIP and PPP setups. If any other adjustments are needed, your ISP should provide you with that information. Select OK to save your selections.
  - 4 Select the Dialer pull-down menu, and run `SETUP.COM`. You will be prompted for the dial-up phone number of your ISP, your login name, and your password. (Note: If any of these change at a later time, you can always rerun `SETUP.COM`).
  - 5 Choose the Options item from the Dialer pull-down menu, and select Automatic connect and disconnect. This will tell Winsock to automatically start and connect to your ISP whenever you choose an Internet client that needs Winsock, such as Navigator.

#### WINSOCK LOGIN SCRIPT

Winsock uses a login script (`LOGIN.COM`) to connect and login to your ISP. The basic script included with Winsock works for many ISPs, but not all. If you are having trouble connecting to your ISP, contact them and see if they can supply you with a login script that works with their service.

## Using a telnet client directly

Using a telnet client directly is akin to using a communications program to dial up a BBS. The only difference is that you use TCP/IP through the Internet to connect instead of a direct dial-up.

If you installed your telnet client into the same directory as Winsock, or if you have a path statement in your `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file for your Winsock directory, all you'll need to do is click on the telnet icon, and Winsock will automatically call your ISP and start your SLIP or PPP connection. If not, you'll need to start



## TELNET CLIENTS

A very extensive listing of virtually all Winsock-compatible telnet clients can be found on the Winsock home page at <http://www.ccs.org/winsock/telnet.html>.

Winsock manually by double-clicking the Winsock icon. Once Winsock is running, you can double-click on your telnet client icon to start a telnet session.

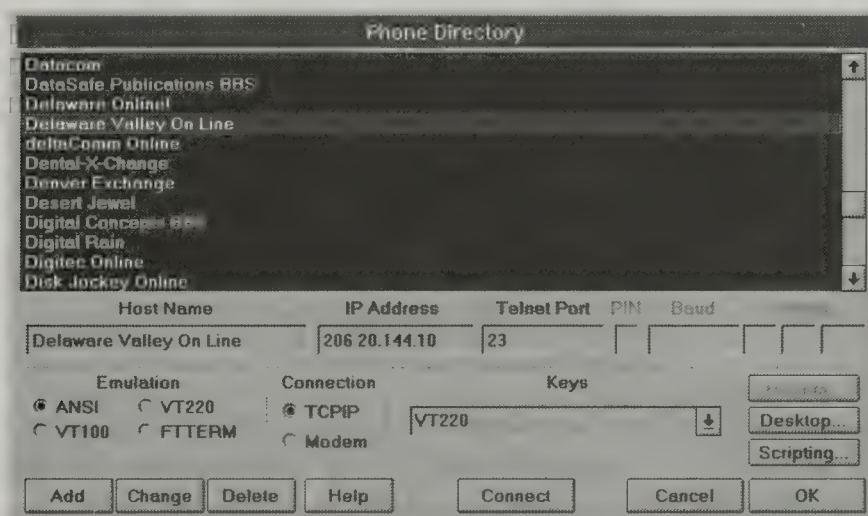
Regardless of which telnet client you are using, you'll need to know a few technical details about the system to which you want to connect. First, you will need to know the telnet address of the Internet BBS. The address may be in the form of a domain

name, such as `dkeep.com` or `bbs.execpc.com`, or in the form of an IP address, such as `198.79.54.10`. Domain names are nothing more than easier-to-remember short hand for the numeric IP address. Practically speaking, both are nothing more than the Internet phone numbers for the BBS. Chapter 5 provides both forms for most systems.

The only other bit of information you may want to include is the terminal emulation mode. Most Internet BBSs use ANSI emulation, which includes colors and screen-handling codes, while other use VT-100. It's not essential that you pick the right one to get online, although if you find the screen display to be confusing, you might try switching to the other option.

After entering the telnet address and the emulation modes, most telnet clients have the option to connect. Select it, and you're online!

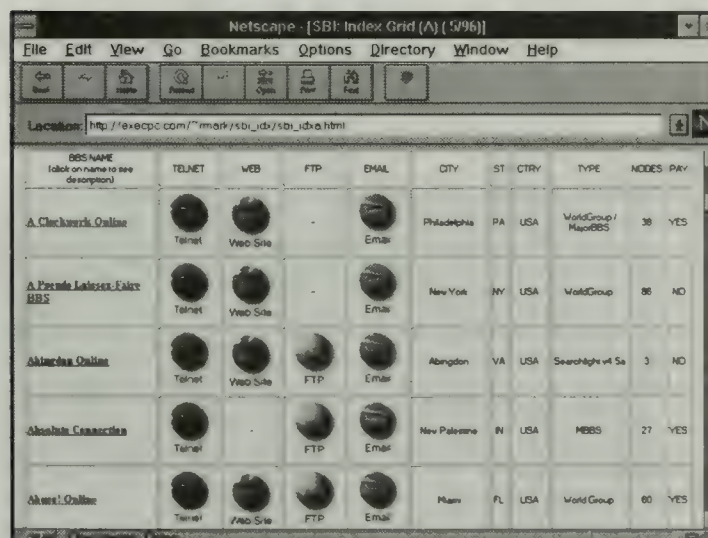
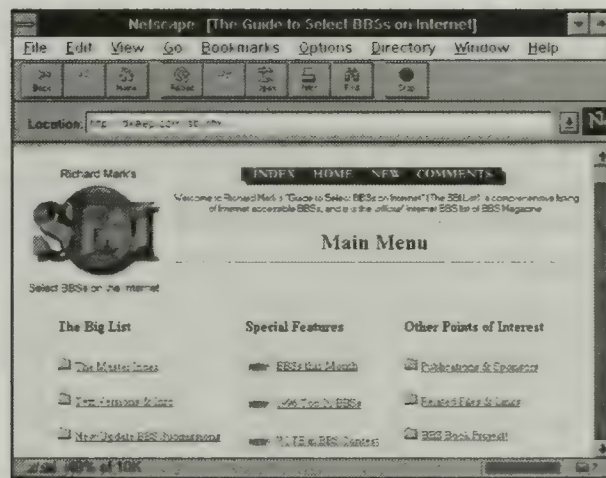
The Internet BBS Access Kit diskette included with this book contains a shareware copy of Netterm, a full-featured telnet client very well suited for connecting to Internet BBSs. The copy on the diskette is pre-loaded with all of the Internet BBS addresses listed in this book. Simply select the Other Phone Directory option from the File Menu. This will display the Internet BBS listing. Just click on the BBS on the list, and you will automatically telnet there.



Netterm telnet client

## Using telnet through a Web browser

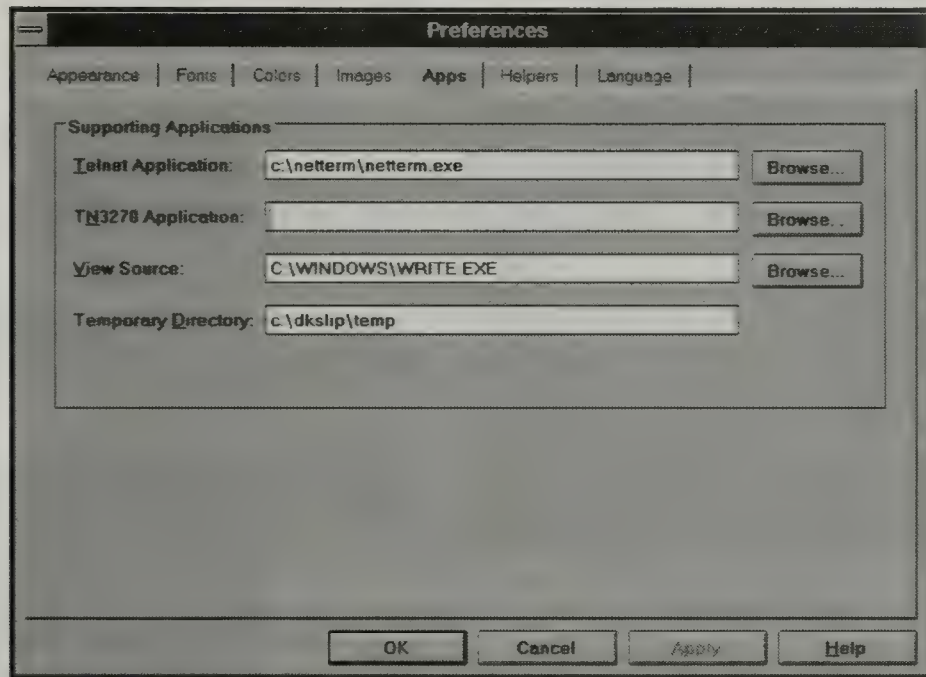
As the keeper of the Internet BBS list, I receive a great deal of email from people who have visited my Web page, found the complete list of Internet BBSs, but then had trouble getting the telnet links to work. Their problem is almost always solved by providing them a telnet client and some basic instructions on how to set up their Web browser. Many people don't realize that telnet is a common Web link that requires an outside program to work with most browsers. (If, however, your browser supports telnet already, then all you need to is click on the telnet link!)



The Complete Guide to Internet BBSs home page can be found at <http://dkeep.com/sbi.htm>



Assuming your telnet client is installed, you then need to go into the Other applications setup option in your Web client. This section is for setting up external telnet, FTP, mail, and news reader clients. Find the section for telnet clients and type in the path and program name for your client.



**Netscape Navigator telnet setup**

Let's take Netscape Navigator version 2.02 as an example. In Navigator, you choose the Option pull-down menu. Select General, and then Apps. On this screen you will find an item called telnet application. Just type in the complete path to your telnet client (i.e., `c:\netterm\netterm.exe`), and Navigator will now be able to use telnet links. That's all there is to it! Now whenever you click on a telnet link on a Web page, you will automatically be connected.

## *Using telnet through a shell account*

If your only available Internet access is through a shell account, then you will need to use the telnet client provided by your ISP. Most shell-based telnet clients are UNIX-like (which means that they operate like the standard UNIX telnet client). From your shell command line, you would type:

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telnet <address>
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For example:

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telnet dkeep.com
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or

```
telnet 198.79.54.10
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Note: The address can be in either domain name or IP format. If the BBS has a port number other than the standard used by most telnetable systems (port 23), then you can enter a space and the port number immediately after the address.

## *Connecting through a special client*

Some Internet BBSs either require or allow the use of special clients depending on the kind of software the BBS uses. The advantage of this kind of approach is that the special clients can provide the user with extraordinary functionality and ease-of-use. The downside is that you will need different software to access these BBSs than what you would use to access other Internet services.

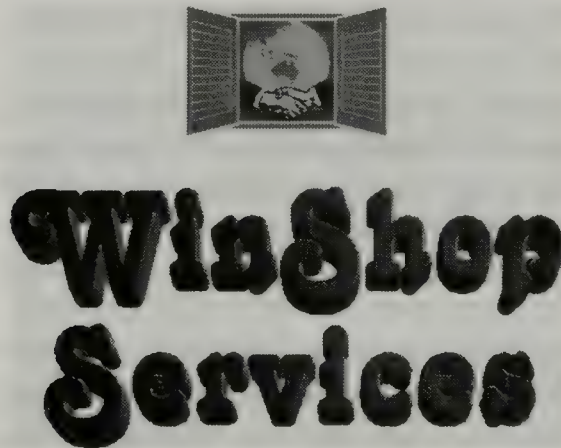
Perhaps the best example of a special client would be Galacticcomm's Worldgroup software, and is available from Galacticcomm or any BBS running a Worldgroup BBS free of charge. Over 200 of the Internet BBSs listed in this *Guide* support the Worldgroup Client. Worldgroup allows the user to either dial a Worldgroup BBS directly by phone, or to use telnet to connect through the Internet. The Worldgroup client is also Winsock compatible, just like Navigator. The client is often modified by the BBS to display rather breathtaking graphics. Besides looking good, Worldgroup allows the user to participate in several BBS functions simultaneously, such as downloading a file while chatting with other users. Fortunately, Worldgroup BBSs do not require that the Worldgroup client be used to access them; any type of communications software or telnet client will work as well, but you lose the multitasking capability of the special client.



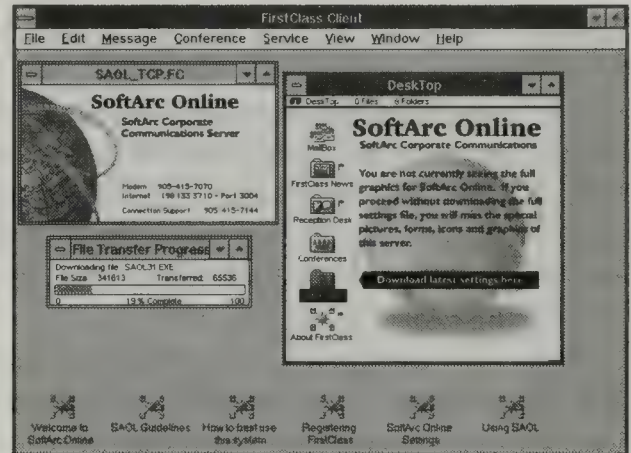
**Worldgroup client**



The Worldgroup Client also includes support for any telnet accessible BBS—even those not running Worldgroup. When in basic telnet mode, Worldgroup supports full ANSI-BBS screen emulation and Zmodem file transfers. The only downside to using Worldgroup as your basic telnet client is that the files are over four megabytes in size. Other examples of special clients are Remote Access, First Class, Novalink Pro, and the new Wildcat BBS systems.



Excalibur client—  
the Windows Shopper BBS

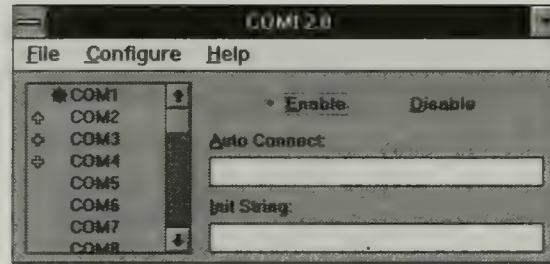


First Class Windows client

## *Telnetting through communications software*

For people who have been calling regular dial-up BBSs for years, using telnet clients (even good ones like Netterm) is still not as convenient or flexible as the regular Windows communications software they've grown used to. Wouldn't it be nice if you could somehow use Procomm Plus or Telix for Windows to telnet to Internet BBSs? Well, you can do just that using a bit of software sorcery called ComT, by Performance Designs (available from the SBI home page at <http://www.dkeep.com/sbi.htm>). Not only does ComT allow you to use *any* Windows modem-communications software, but it's a snap to install and configure.

First of all, ComT is another one of those Winsock-compatible clients. So as long as Winsock is installed and running, ComT will work just fine. How ComT does what it does is a model of simplicity and function. ComT tricks your



ComT telnet emulator

communications software into believing you have a modem attached to a non-existent com port, and then routes the data through Winsock. Your communications software believes it is communicating with a modem, even though ComT has initiated an Internet telnet connection. All of the features of your communications software, such as download protocols and macros, can now be used during the telnet session.

In operation, it works like this: If Winsock connected to your ISP using a modem attached to COM1, then ComT could be configured to create a COM2 (even if you don't actually *have* a COM2 on your computer; this is a virtual port). When you ran Windows' communications program, you would configure your modem at COM2 (the virtual ComT port). In the dialer or phone book of the communications program, instead of entering phone numbers, you would enter either the domain name or IP address of the Internet BBS. When the communications software dials the BBS, the information is automatically picked up by ComT, and a telnet session is started.

To install ComT, just uncompress the files into a subdirectory, and run the `INSTALL.EXE` program through the Windows program manager. You are given the option of having ComT automatically load each time you run Windows, or only load when you choose to. You then pick your virtual port, making sure that it's a COM port that is *not* currently being used by any device, and you're ready to start telnetting.

In addition to the ComT solution, a new breed of Windows and Windows '95 based communications software support telnet as a basic communications option along with ordinary phone dial-up. Most of these use Winsock as well, or use Windows '95's built-in TCP/IP communications. These programs also support advanced features, such as built-in file transfer protocols, telnet dialing directories, and automatic login scripts. QmodemPro for Windows '95 and Kermit 95 are two excellent examples.



## *The Web-based BBS: The future of BBSing?*

The trend for BBSs connecting to the Internet is certain to continue, but another trend is also readily apparent. Starting in late 1995, a few intrepid sysops set out to move their BBS from a dial-up/telnet type of system, to a pure Web-based system. What I call a pure Web-based BBS is one where most of the BBS is accessible using an ordinary Web browser such as Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Explorer. The advantages of this type of BBS is immediately apparent to the user—no additional client software, such as telnet, or huge specialized clients such as Worldgroup or Excalibur, are required to use the BBS. In fact, the Web-based BBS uses an ordinary SLIP or PPP Internet account, the most common type of online access available today. Even users of America Online and the Microsoft Network have Web browser capabilities, so can access and use these BBSs without the need for any additional software. A Web-based BBS is basically just an enhanced Web site. All you have to do is use your Web browser to access the Web site, login, and start BBSing.

### *What can you do on a Web-based BBS?*

Even with all the recent enhancements to HTML (the language of the Web), and add-ons such as Java, the Web still tends to be a static, noninteractive, environment. The Web author publishes graphics and text, which the user can look at and read, and visit links to other Web sites providing much of the same. The information only changed when the author decided to change it. In order for the Web to serve as a useful platform for a BBS, it needed to become more dynamic. After all, a BBS is all about users interacting with each other. Comparing a Web site to a BBS was like comparing an encyclopedia to a night club. One is a solitary experience, while the other is wholly social; one is updated every so often, while the other changes every second. With this obvious limitation, how can a Web site ever hope to achieve the BBS's status as a virtual online community?

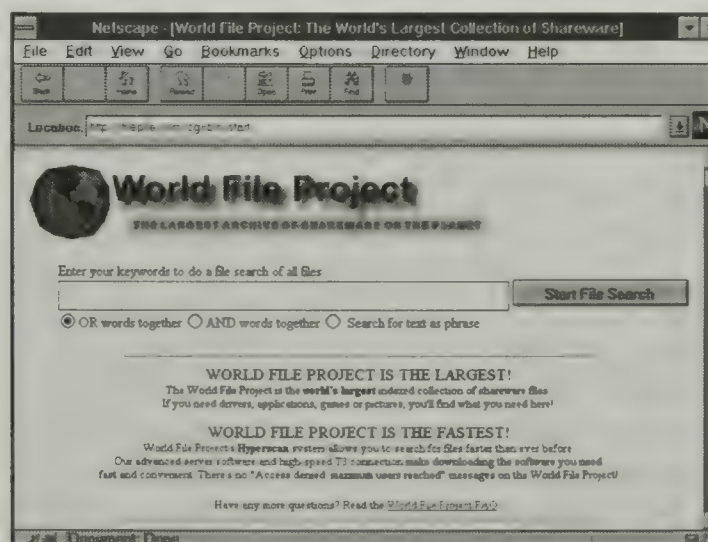
Well, the answer is two fold. First of all, not all BBSs focus on user interaction. A good example are BBSs dedicated to providing files (what I call *file warehouses*). For file-oriented BBSs, the Web was immediately seen as a viable platform option since all current Web browsers, such as Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Explorer, contain built-in file transfer capabilities. Just put in a link to a file on a Web page, and the browser knows how to download it—no messy protocols, complex FTP clients, or fancy communications software are required.

The second solution to the limitations of the Web was Web technology itself. To extend the capability of basic HTML, the Web server (the computer and software that controls the Web site) can be enhanced to provide functions and features not normally found on the average Web site. Some of these enhancements can be seen every day in the form of Web counters, which tally the number of times a site is visited, and search programs that find specific information based on a keyword. Only recently has this technology reached the point where basic BBS features could be translated to a Web site, and understood by Web browser software.

The current level of technology is very capable at handling file and information-oriented BBSs without a great deal of special modification. Recent improvements in Web server software also allows for respectable handling of messaging, such as email and message conferences. At this point, Web-based systems don't handle chat and multi-player games very well on their own, and separate clients or direct telnets to the main BBS are still the only way to accomplish these features effectively. So don't expect to find a great chat system on the Web unless you're also willing to grab some additional software to make it work.

### BBSs on the Web

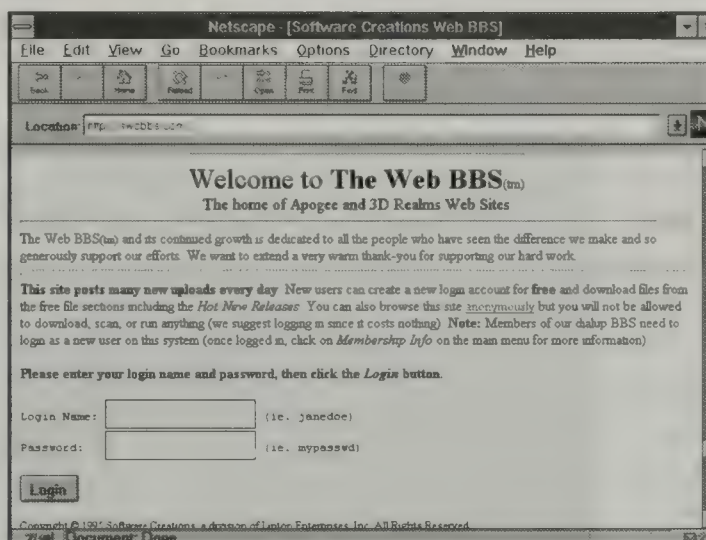
- *ExecPC's World File Project* (<http://www.execpc.com>) This is a pure Web-based BBS designed to make virtually all shareware and public domain software in the world available on the Web. ExecPC also uses an advanced file search feature allowing you to mass-search their 600,000-plus file library based on any combination of keywords. Usually in less than a minute, ExecPC will locate the files you're looking for.



ExecPC's Web-based World File Project

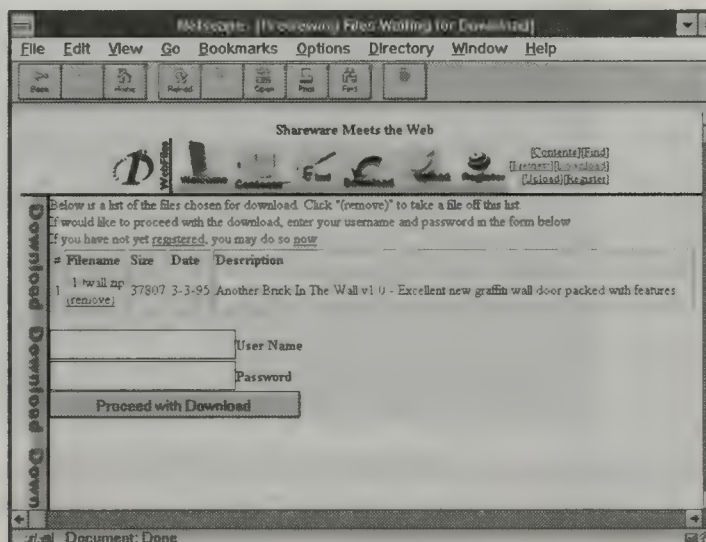


- *Software Creations* (<http://www.swcbbs.com>) This BBS was the next to make the leap to the Web, and now offers its first release series of shareware files directly on the Web. Software Creations is the official distribution site for many major software authors, such as Apogee and 3D Realms.



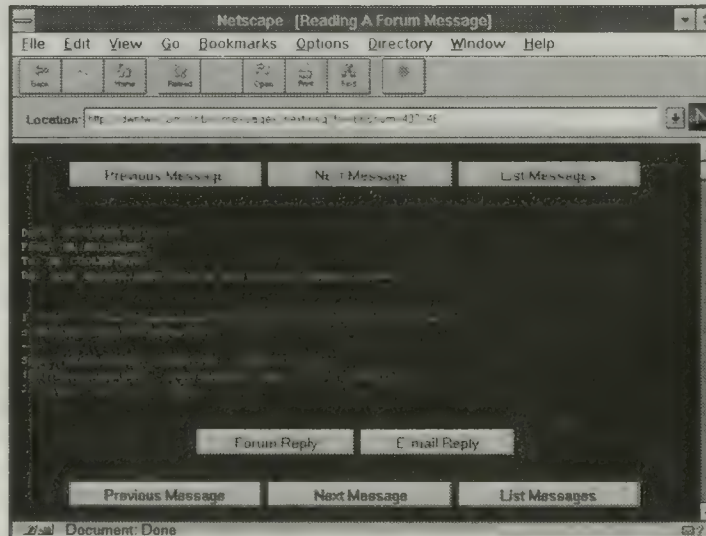
## Software Creations' Web BBS

- *Channel 1 BBS in Cambridge, MA (<http://www.channel1.com>)* This BBS also made the move to the Web, and made its extensive library of carefully selected files available to Web surfers. Channel 1 aptly named their new site Shareware meets the Web.

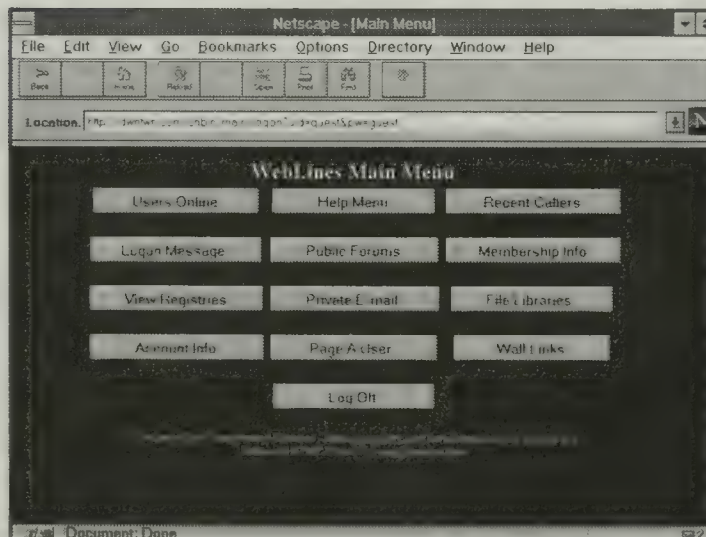


## Shareware meets the Web on Channel 1

- A whole new class of Internet BBSs on the Web started in early 1996 when Computer Horizons developed *WebLines*, a Web-based add-on for Galacticomm's Worldgroup BBS system. The add-on allows the user to login to the BBS directly from a Web browser, and access the BBSs file libraries *and* messaging systems (both email and message conferences). This was a significant development because almost 70% of all Internet BBSs run the Worldgroup BBS software program. About twenty Worldgroup BBSs have since made the move to the Web.



The Downtown BBS WebLines main menu



Users can read messages and reply right from their Web browsers on the Downtown Web-based BBS



## *Logging in to a BBS as a new user*

After connecting to the BBS using one of the telnet methods described above, you'll probably need to go through a new user registration process. Even free BBSs usually require some form of new user signup process.

### *The new user sign-up process*

Chapter 5 indicates what new user or demo login information is required to get started. Most BBSs will instruct new users on what they need to do to get signed up on their opening screens.

When you first connect to a BBS, the system will usually ask you to log in. The login information is used by the BBS to identify who you are, and to determine how much access you have to the system. Once you are a registered user, you will use your personal login ID to get back on the BBS. As a new user wanting to sign up, however, you'll need to log in to most BBSs using a special login ID. New user login IDs include:

- *New* The most common new user login
- *Demo* Allows you to look at some systems before actually registering
- *BBS* Required by some systems to access the BBS and new user registration
- *Your name* Some BBSs simply want to know your name, which is then checked against known accounts.

After initiating the new user signup process, you will be taken through a series of questions. The information you give is generally regarded as confidential, though you can never be assured of this. All I can say is that most larger BBSs (especially those that have gone to the expense to connect to the Internet) are professionally run services that respect the privacy of their users. Your best protection is to trust in the reputation of the BBS you are calling. Any BBS that doesn't keep account information confidential is not likely to be around for long anyway.

Most BBSs will require at least this much basic information:

- *Real name* Even boards that allow anonymous handles still require that the sysops know your real name
- *Phone* Home or office. Often used for validation calls, or in case there is a problem with the account.

- *Address* Home or office address, usually for mailings or billing
- *Age* Especially if there are adult-only areas online

Why does the BBS sysop need to know my personal information? Mostly to protect the integrity of the BBS and the potential liability of its systems operators and owners. Each user on a BBS is personally responsible for his or her own actions, however, the BBS operator is generally responsible for the system as a whole, and responsible for taking reasonable precautions to keep the BBS secure. Minimum security requires that in cases of mischief, or even criminal activities, that the BBS sysop have some means of identifying and contacting a BBS user. In my eight years as a BBS sysop, I've only encountered a handful of users not willing to tell me who they were, and I politely informed them that without this information they could not become a user on my BBS. My partner on the BBS, Paul "The Dragon" Martin, explains it another way, "Users on the BBS are visiting my home. It's only polite that they let me know who they are before I let them in the front door."

### *Account verification*

After you're signed up on the BBS, you will probably find that your access to features on the system and the amount of time you are allowed online is strictly limited. Many systems allow new signups to browse through the menus of options, but don't allow you to use them, or allow you to use them in some limited form. Although you are signed up, you are not a verified user (at least not yet). Most Internet BBSs are not free, but do offer some amount of play-before-you-pay access to verified accounts. Even many free BBSs will require that your account be verified in some way before additional access is granted. Account verification takes on many different and creative forms, ranging from a simple phone call to a BBS dial-back verifier which actually calls your computer to verify your phone number. To handle the growing number of long-distance Internet callers (and to keep our long-distance bills to a minimum), my BBS started a trial membership coupon system, where we email out coupons to interested signups. After receiving the coupon in the mail, new users log back into the BBS and enter the coupon number. This gives them several weeks of free and unlimited access to try out the BBS, while it gives us some peace of mind knowing that at least the address they entered into their account is accurate.



## *Becoming a full member*

On pay BBSs, your free or demo time eventually runs out and you need to decide if this BBS is worth joining. Payment is usually handled by sending in a check or money order, or by credit card. Some BBSs are sophisticated enough to take a credit card order online, and process your card while you wait, usually in less than 60 seconds. Since most Internet BBSs are pay systems, it's worth a little bit of time to explain the many payment plans you'll likely encounter. The strategies used by most BBSs are related to what the sysop believes is a fair distribution of resources among all users. For example, if a BBS had only two phone lines, and 50 members, it wouldn't be very fair if two members were allowed to stay online all day and tie up the only two access lines available. What would the other 48 members do? Sysops design payment plans with this kind of analysis in mind. There are two basic payment plans, the *subscription* and the *time block*. Many BBSs offer forms of both plans, and leave it to users to decide which is best for them.

## *Subscription plans*

A subscription plan usually takes the form of a monthly, semi-annual, or annual payment rate, and often comes in several different packages offering varying levels of access. For example, a BBS might have an annual cost of \$50 for two hours of access a day. The same BBS might also offer a bigger package offering five hours a day for \$100 a year. Some BBSs will actually bill the user monthly or yearly, though most expect the entire subscription to be paid up front.

Depending upon the primary services featured on the BBS, the limits might also include the number of megabytes worth of downloads per day or per week allowed. File-oriented BBSs often use this technique so members can't just stay online for twenty hours at a time downloading files.

This type of plan is most advantageous to users that will log on the BBS frequently. However, if you buy a month of access, and don't have the time that month to log on the BBS, well, then you've wasted part or all of your subscription. If you are an infrequent user who only pops on the BBS a few times a month, then this type of plan is probably not as economical as a pay-as-you-play time-block plan, where you only pay for the time you use.

## *Time-block plans*

In a time-block plan, the BBS user buys online time in advance. For example, a user might purchase twenty hours of time for \$10. The user's account is then credited with twenty hours of access, which are consumed when the user is online. If the user doesn't log on the BBS for three months, the unused time remains on account until the user accesses the BBS. This type of plan is also called pay-as-you-play since you only are charged for actual usage.

The main advantage of this kind of plan is that the BBS users can exploit their block of time however they wish. Unlike most subscription plans, there are no daily time limits, or expirations on duration of membership. If BBS users want to expend their twenty hours on a single day, or spread them out over a year, it's their prerogative. This type of plan is most often used by game- or chat-oriented BBSs where users generally don't want to have any online time limits.

The disadvantage of the time-block plan is usually to the very frequent user. If the same BBS offered a 50 cents-per-hour time-block as well as a two-hour-per-day subscription for \$10 month, the frequent user could purchase the subscription and actually pay only sixteen cents per hour (assuming he used all 60 hours of access that month).

My advice to the new BBS user is to start out with the least expensive and most flexible plan, and then see what pattern of usage you actually have. Most BBSs will offer a payment plan that will work out best for your particular needs.





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# *Using an Internet BBS*

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#### NEWBIE OR NOT?

If you aren't sure whether you're a newbie, some members of my BBS put together the definitive `newbie.txt` file (Appendix E) so you can find out.

If you're brand new to the world of BBSs, then there are at least a few things you need to know before venturing out there as a *newbie*. There's nothing wrong with being a newbie, in fact, there will be many other BBS users

willing to help you out. What you don't want to be is a gullible or annoying newbie preyed upon by more experienced loggers. Remember, those fast-typing cyber-talking whiz-kids you're bound to run into were once newbies themselves.

Each type of BBS service represents a form of interaction, and each has its own flavor and character, as well as special pitfalls and landmines for the uninitiated. This section won't stop you completely from looking like a newbie, but if it helps just one new BBS user feel a bit more at ease online, then I've done my job. :) First lesson: that :) is a smiley-face, used to show that the writer is "lightening up." In some contexts it's also used to show that the writer isn't really angry; kind of a "don't take me too seriously." In this case I'm using it to actually smile :).

## Online chat

In its simplest form, online chat (or teleconferencing) is using your computer to "talk" to someone else connected to the same or interconnected online service. The discussion is accomplished by typing your part of the conversation and waiting for a response. In many respects, online chat mimics the old CB-radio type of discussion, full of its own special nuances and language, but because of the relative capabilities of the computer medium, online chat can be far more sophisticated.

A lot of psycho-babble about the impact of computer chatting has made for trendy discussion in magazines and television recently. I've actually heard it said that chat will change the very nature of modern culture and social interaction. From what I've seen over the past 10 years, online chat is just a computerized form of the conventional cocktail party or singles bar. In a world that seems to be getting bigger every day, individuals are ironically left with a profound sense of isolation, and in a world that seems to be turning dangerous, all forms of safe public interaction are welcome. Of course online chat does hold special meaning for the disabled. Individuals with hearing disorders, paraplegia, or other types of disabilities that may inhibit ordinary face-to-face interaction find computer chatting a liberating experience. Chatters are judged by what they have to say, and not how they sound or look. Age is also no barrier. Older and wiser members may find themselves in serious political discussion with a high school student, and neither is aware of the age difference. This is not to say that online chat will have



## CHATS WITH THE SYSOP

When the sysop of a BBS pulls you into chat, there is generally a good reason for it. Sometimes it's just to talk, but often it concerns an administrative issue. Maybe your check bounced, or the sysop has received complaints about your online behavior. In general, when a sysop pulls a user into chat and the user suddenly hangs up, it just adds further suspicion about your account. Stick around and see what the sysop has to say...maybe he just wants to say, "Hi."

any real social impact, certainly not by the content of what is discussed, although it may serve to make individuals feel more wanted and part of society as a whole. Unlike the offline world, making friends online can be as easy as saying, "Hi, wassup?"

There are two basic flavors to chat: one-on-one private chat, and the more open public chat.

*Private chat*

BBSs implement private chat in a number of ways. Most allow you some mechanism to send a *page* to the user you wish to speak with, and then have a chat option off one of the main menus. On MajorBBS systems, private chat is simply a special option while you are in public chat, and you would type `chat <username>`. The recipient of the chat request has the option to accept or decline your chat invitation, unless the request comes from the sysop, who has the ability to force a user into private chat.

A private chat session might look something like the dialogue below. The users Morris and Lovebytes are already in the BBS's public chat area.

```
MORRIS:
>chat lovebytes
*** Request Sent
```

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LOVEBYTES:
*** Morris has just requested chat with you. Type "Chat Morris"
to accept the invitation ***
>chat Morris
```

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PRIVATE CHAT (Names added for clarity):
(Morris) Hi Lovebytes!
(Lovebytes) Hi Morris....wassup?
(Morris) U going to the party tonight?
(Lovebytes) I was thinking about it. Will u b there?
(Morris) It depends ;)
(Lovebytes) On what...?
(Morris) On u...
(Lovebytes) OK...I'll c u there then :=)
(Morris) later..
(Lovebytes) x
```

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** Chat ended, returning to teleconference
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Users type what they have to say, and then press Enter to indicate they are done and ready for a reply. The Enter is like saying “Roger” on a CB channel. Otherwise, both chatters might start typing over each other. Notice how words are shortened whenever possible: “c u” instead of “see you.” As you spend more time using online chat, you’ll start picking up on the specialized terminology, most of which is designed to reduce keystrokes and make communication faster and more efficient. Also notice the :=) smiley—it’s one of many smiley variations you’ll find in your online travels.

### *Public chat*

Public or open chat allows many online users to talk simultaneously. To the teleconference initiate, public chat can be a very confusing place with messages flying across the screen from possibly dozens of different users. It’s also tremendous fun once you get used to the medium. To help organize public chat, most BBSs divide users into various chat groups. BBSs call these groups different things, but common terms would be *channels*, *rooms*, *SIGs*, or *areas*. Some BBSs use even more imagery by using various themes, such as caves, dimensions, taverns, or bars. In addition to these publicly accessible chat areas, most BBSs allow each user to have his or her own semiprivate, invitation-only chat group.

Before venturing out into the group teleconference, you should become familiar with your BBS’s chat commands. You’ll use these commands to switch between various chat areas, avoid users you don’t want to talk to, and enhance your online conversations. For example, if you wanted to join a chat area called Singles Bar, you would type `join singles bar`. Once there, everything you typed would be read by everyone in that area, and you would in turn see everything they typed. Each BBS will have its own set of commands, and perhaps offer many more advanced features than what is listed here, so be sure to type `?` or `help` once you enter teleconference to see the command listing.

A special type of chat enhancement used by many BBSs is called *action words*. An action word is an automatic shorthand that allows you to express a thought or action without having to type out the entire text. For example, one common action is `hug`. If Party Girl typed `hug Harry`, the user Harry might see something like `*** Party Girl just gave you a nice warm hug! Everyone else in your chat area might see *** Party Girl just gave Harry a great big hug! And Party Girl might see *** You just gave Harry a big hug!` Not bad for just having to type a couple of words. Action words are not only fun to use, but they cut down on how much you have to type to convey your message.

Some action words can be directed to a specific user, and others are meant for more general use and can be used alone, such as `brb` (Be right back!) or `wave` (Harry is waving to everyone). On my own BBS, we add new action words as users request them, and over the years our list has grown to over 300 actions. On



most BBSs, you can type the command `action list` to see what actions are available to you.

Here are some examples of a basic chat command set taken from MajorBBS systems (these will vary from BBS to BBS, but most teleconferences will have some form of these commands):

#### *Informational commands*

- `scan` Shows where everyone is in teleconference
- `list` Lists all public channels you can join
- `users` Shows where everyone is on the whole BBS
- `games` List of teleconference games available
- `edit` Edit/who your personal settings
- `action list` List chat action words

#### *Area commands*

- `join <channel>` Join a private, public, or forum channel
- `invite <user>` Invites a user to your private channel
- `uninvited <user>` Uninvites a user from your channel
- `topic <topic>` Set the topic for your private channel
- `chat <user>` Request a private chat with someone

#### *User controls*

- `forget <user>` Forget (ignore) a user annoying you
- `remember <user>` Remember a previously ignored user

#### *Chat enhancements*

- `whisper to <user>` Sends a private message to another user (also use `/<user>` as shorthand)
- `<action> <user>` Use a directed action word to `<user>`

### ADULT CHAT

One very popular use of both public and private chat is to have what is often called *cybersex*. Cybersex, or *hot chat*, is where consenting adults get together and talk dirty to each other. Sometimes it's done one-on-one, or for the more adventurous, in larger groups using a special chat area. The popularity of this kind of chat is undoubtedly due to the anonymity provided by the BBS environment. Most BBSs that offer adult chat also allow users to use handles instead of their real names. Combined with special adult action words (i.e., kiss, fondle, caress, pinch, etc.), hot chat provides an interesting, if not titillating, chat experience. Adult chat is not only legal in all 50 states, but it's one of the safest forms of sex available. See the end of this chapter for a listing of some great adult-only chat BBSs.

## Chat networks

With BBSs connecting to the Internet, it became both practical and cost effective to link teleconferences from different BBSs around the world. This is nothing new to the Internet, which features an Internet-only type of chat called Internet Relay Chat (IRC). Unlike IRC, which is difficult for most novice users to master, BBS chat networks are often just enhancements to their regular, easy-to-use chat systems.

Two of the largest BBS chat networks are called Chat Link and World Link (both of which claim to be the largest in the world). They are easy to learn, and both feature dozens of interconnected BBSs, and possibly hundreds of users, at any given time of the day. Using networked chat is just as easy as using local BBS chat. Each BBS on the network has its own chat area, and you can simply join the area you wish to visit. The biggest advantage of network chat is that there is almost always someone out there to talk to, and it gives the user the opportunity to make new friends from around the world.

Here is an example of chat commands found in World Link Chat:

- `action list` Prints a list of action words
- `action on` Turn on your ability to do actions
- `action off` Turn off your ability to do actions
- `edit` Edit your enter/exit messages
- `forget <user>` Forget (ignore) a user
- `forget list` List all users forgotten
- `invite <user>` Invites a user to your channel
- `join` Switches between your channel and MAIN
- `join <user>` Allows you to join another user's channel
- `list` Turn on your channel visibility
- `page <user>@<sys>` Page a user anywhere on another board
- `remember <user>` Remember a user
- `topics` Displays all BBS channels
- `uninvited <user>` Kicks a user out of your channel
- `unlist` Turn off your channel visibility
- `scan` List all users on your board
- `scan <bbs ID>` List all users on another board



- `scan (channel)` List all users in a channel
- `scan all` Lists all users in Worldlink
- `go <bbs ID>` Brings you to another BBS's channel

## *What do people talk about?*

People talk online about the same things that people talk about in the offline world. What new movies are out, politics, computer games—general small talk. Some chat areas are designed to encourage more focused topics, like local elections, college chatter, or hot chat, though most chat is of a general, social nature. A common way to start off is, “How are things going?” which generally leads to others responding with a short synopsis of their day, which always leads to other subjects. Online chat is a lot like a cyber-cocktail party. Sometimes chatters will start impromptu chat diversions, such as *name that tune* where one user will start typing the words to a popular song and invite everyone else to identify it. I’ve also seen sing-alongs where each person contributes words to a particular song. The main thing to remember is to *relax*, have fun, and don’t take things people say (or yourself) too seriously.

## *Chat jargon*

Many BBSs and chat environments develop their own online lexicon, although there is a broad set of terminology common to most. Specialized jargon fulfills several online needs.

First, without the ability to see body language and hear vocal inflections, statements are often misunderstood. In the fast-paced world of online chat, it’s difficult to always choose your words with care. A simple joke can lead to a *flame war* (an online feud). So instead of lightheartedly saying, “You’re such a loser,” which could be misunderstood, you might say, “You’re such a loser :-).” The smiley helps the reader understand that you are making a joke, and not actually calling them a loser. In fact, I’ve seen the smiley face used to get away with saying really awful things to other people online, and somehow not offend the reader (“You are a low-life stinky scumbag ;-).”). The smiley can work wonders, although it in itself offends some people (“You can take your :-) and stick it!”).

The second function served by jargon is brevity. Many terms are used merely to convey meaning with as few characters as possible. For example, *brb* is understood to mean *be right back*. Sometimes abbreviations have longer meanings, as well as an emotional sense not easily conveyed on a computer screen. IMHO, for

example, means *in my humble opinion*, but also means that the speaker isn't trying to be critical or know-it-all.

This listing of common chat jargon is far from complete (there are at least another 50 smileys alone!), but these should get you started.

Smiley	Definition	Example
: -)	The original smiley	What a loser :-)
: )	The little smiley	UR such a newbie :)
; -)	Smiley with a wink	Hey, cutie ;-)
: - (	Sad smiley; the frown	My PC crashed :- (
8 -)	Smiley with sunglasses	Going to the beach? 8-)
: -Q	Smiley with cigarette	Just hangin out :-Q
: -o	Smiley with "oooh"	Wow! :-o
-D	laughing	Hahaha   -D
->	cool dude	Rehi all   ->

Abbreviation	Definition	Example
brb	Be right back	Brb
afk	Away from keyboard	Afk
bb1	Be back later	Bye all, bb1
btw	By the way	Btw, how'd the game go last night?
imho	In my humble opinion	Imho, all lawyers are evil
rofl	Rolling on floor laughing	Rofl! rofl!
lol	Laughing out loud	Lol!   -D
wth	What the hell	Wth u talkin bout?
hhoj	ha, ha, only joking	Hhoj
ttfn	Ta-ta for now	Ttfn...bye!
R	Are	R U coming?
U	You	R U there?
b4	Before	Have I met U b4?
ttyl	Talk to you later	Gotta go, ttyl
bbser	BBS user	Been a bbser for 10 yrs
newbie	New BBS user	He's just another newbie
rehi	Hello again	Rehi all
log	Login to BBS	Noun: I had a good log! Verb: No time to log



Abbreviation	Definition	Example
logger	BBS user	He's a logger from way back
relog	Log back on to BBS	He'll relog in a min
lamer	An annoying user	He's a lamer
incoming	A user is logging on to the BBS	Incoming!
<g>	grin	Love them gators <g>
<bg>	BIG grin	Hey beautiful <bg>
wannabe	Unverified user	Just another wannabe
poof	Suddenly disconnected user	He poofed!
jall	Just another lousy lamer	That jall is hitting on me!

## Chat games

Some systems offer additional entertainment while users chat—perhaps a friendly game of poker, or challenging trivia to keep things interesting. Card games are a particular favorite, especially late at night. Some BBS have even more unusual diversions, such as Food-Fight (colorful ANSI splatterings), Gunslinger (wild west shoot-outs), and Pizza Party (create ANSI pizzas).

To play a chat game you need only know the commands. Here is a standard list of poker commands found on many BBSs.

### POKER HELP

Poker is a standard five-card draw Poker. Players ante and bet credits. The winner of the hand wins the pot. Aces are high.

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"poker on" ..... request to play
"poker off" ..... stop playing/fold
"poker hand" ..... display your hand
"poker help" ..... this help list
"poker fold" ..... fold your hand
"poker turn" ..... whose turn it is
"poker scan" ..... show poker players
"poker pot" ..... show current pot
"poker bet #" ..... increase your bet
"poker call" ..... match current bet
"poker low/high"..... set stakes (Sysop)
"poker raise #" ..... call and raise
"poker discard # # # #" ..... discard and draw new cards
                               (no #'s to stand)

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### CHAT DOS AND DON'TS

Every BBS has its own rules and policies for its chat system, but here are a few that should be respected where ever you happen to go:

- Do* Be respectful of others online. The old golden rule of treating others as you like to be treated should be your basic tenet.
- Do* Politely tell someone you decline to chat with "no thanks." You don't need to insult them because you don't want to be bothered at that time.
- Do* Remember that unless you personally know the person you are chatting with, they can be anyone, any sex, and any age (unless the system is adult only).
- Do* Be patient in chat. Everyone doesn't type fast or accurately, so give other chatters a break and let them finish their reply before starting your own.
- Do* Remember that the BBS sysop (or co-sysop) is there if you need any help. Whether you're having a problem with an annoying user, or just need the answer to a question, that's what the sysops are there for.

*Don't* Type everything IN UPPERCASE. In cyberspace, uppercase means you are SHOUTING, and other users are apt to tell you to KEEP IT DOWN, WE HEAR YOU JUST FINE.

*Don't* Ask someone to chat and then verbally assault them. Just because they can't see you face-to-face doesn't mean there are no limits to your behavior, in fact, being abusive online is one quick way to be booted off your favorite BBS.

*Don't* Criticize anyone online for bad spelling, slow typing, or poor vocabulary. This is a good general rule for just about every aspect of online behavior. Many users have a hard enough time online already without you becoming the word police.

*Don't* Become too insistent. If someone doesn't want to chat with you, then leave them alone.

*Don't* Give out your home phone number, address, or any personal information to anyone online other than the sysop. The best way to meet other users in person is to go to a BBS party or general get-together with many other BBS users present.

*Don't* Use annoying macros or ANSI art. While some of this is okay, frequently flooding a chat channel with repetitive messages, or huge ANSI art creations, is sure to annoy everyone there, and might even get you booted from the system.



Here are a few great Internet BBS chat systems:

BBS name	Location	Telnet address
Club Met	Overland Park, CA	clubmet.com
Everybaudy's Online	Manchaester, NH	grolen.com
KBBS Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
Liberty BBS	Anaheim, CA	liberty.com
The Jungle BBS	Rockaway, NJ	jungle.net
The Power Exchange	Washington, DC	tpe.com

## Games

The Internet BBS world offers a very wide variety of computer games, and most allow for direct, real-time competition between users. Old fashioned board games, like checkers and chess have been reworked for online interaction, both in play-by-mail and real-time modes. But the most exciting stand-outs are probably the real-time fantasy-role-playing games (FRGs), which offer complete virtual worlds where users become star ship commanders or mighty barbarian warriors and compete against both computer-generated opponents and other users alike. But beware...online games are insidiously addictive, and unlike the average computer game you might have at home, a wide variety of human opponents can make even the simplest game a real challenge.

### *Internet and BBS games*

Several major advances in the past year will have significant impact on the future of BBS games. One of these is the move to the Internet. Since all BBSs on the Internet can, in essence, communicate and connect to each other without having to pay long distance tolls, a huge door is open for interBBS or network gaming. The second advance is in the area of BBS software itself. Just about all of the BBS manufacturers have developed, or are in the process of developing, graphical user interfaces (GUIs) that run under Windows. These GUIs also utilize client/server technology, which simply means that many of the functions of the BBS are off-loaded to the user's PC, instead of having to run on the BBS itself. With client/server games on the horizon, full-blown virtual reality games are finding their way to the online world.

### *Game nets*

Getting tired of beating all the players on your BBS? How about direct and real-time interaction with players from a dozen other BBSs? Well, this is definitely what the future holds. In early 1996, the first real-time, interBBS game network, called Game Net was setup by World Net Ohio; and was joined by over fifty BBSs from around the world. By using the Internet for connectivity, World Net Ohio offers several of the most popular FRGs to all the users of the participating BBSs. Not only do these users get to play games that might not be available on their local systems, but they can compete against thousands of new opponents. This is such a good idea, that it's easy to imagine that this could, in fact, be the future of BBS gaming. Contact [rob@worldnetoh.com](mailto:rob@worldnetoh.com) to see if there is a BBS supporting Game Net in your area.

### *Gaming co-ops*

Similar to a gaming network in concept, but smaller in scope, a gaming co-op is an arrangement between two or more BBSs to share games. By placing the games on a separate game server attached to the Internet, the BBSs allows access by another BBS's users in exchange for similar access to its game server. This is another Internet-born idea not necessarily limited to games—file, news, and database co-operatives can't be far behind.

### *Commercial game connectivity*

ID Software, which produces mega-hit commercial games like Doom, Doom II, Heretic, and Hexen, was one of the first game authors to support networked play between two or more players. BBS networking systems like Game Connect by Sirius Software created the opportunity for BBSs to become game connection servers. I'm guessing that there are many game manufacturers eager and able to provide similar support for their games, and we'll see this kind of support growing over the next few years. And why not? Each player has to have his or her own registered version of the game to play in the network.



## GUI games

There are at least twenty GUI client/server games in production as of the writing of this book for MajorBBS's new Worldgroup GUI interface. Unburdened by many of the graphical constraints of regular communication software as well as the limited throughput of the modem and phone line, client/server games will be the norm in 1997. Whether they will take over the non-GUI world of gaming remains to be seen, but their impact on users' expectations for BBS games cannot be ignored. After actually seeing a two-headed troll charging you from a dank and dark dungeon corridor, can you really go back to merely a text description? (Check out ICE Online at [icebox.iceonline.com](http://icebox.iceonline.com) for some great networked GUI gaming!)

## Board games

Even though they may seem a bit old fashioned, board games are still a popular mainstay on most BBSs. Board games like Chess, checkers, and Othello can be played in play-by-mail mode, or can be offered in real-time mode. Many BBS board games allow for both modes, so if a player doesn't happen to have enough time to complete a real-time game, the game can be postponed and played in turn-by-turn mode, or face-to-face at a later time. For the avid board game player, most BBSs allow the user to be involved in many games at the same time. One fellow on my BBS routinely has 30 or more chess games in progress on any given day.

Many board games are played in a teleconference, or chat, type of environment. While the game is being played, the players can talk between moves, and often non-players can watch the game and join in on the conversation. Some games, like trivia, are really nothing more than chat with a fun side-diversion to keep things interesting.

One game that just about everyone knows and loves is chess, and for those seeking a good game of chess, there's no better place than on a BBS. On my own BBS, chess can be played real-time, play-by-mail, or even globally. Global chess play means that a user can be online doing some other task, like reading the message base or playing another game, and through the use of special global commands, can play chess at the same time. The commands are called *global* since they can be issued from within most other sections of the BBS.

Other popular BBS board games include checkers, Othello, Chinese checkers, variations of Monopoly, backgammon, tic-tac-toe, and FRGs. FRGs, or virtual online worlds, originated offline with games like Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). In D&D, players take on the personae of various middle-earth (a.k.a. Tolkien) characters such as barbarians, clerics, wizards, and hobbits. One of the players is

designated the Dungeon Master or DM. The DM runs the world while the players control their own characters. Usually in a group, characters march off in search of adventure and the treasure and power that come with successful quests. In the Internet world, these games are usually referred to as multiuser dungeons (MUDs). The online versions of FRGs are basically similar except that the computer runs the world (i.e., is the DM), which is a good thing, since it's the most tedious job when playing FRGs. FRGs aren't limited to medieval fantasies, however, and high-tech space adventures are also in abundance.

Most online FRGs use a similar command structure. If you wanted to say something to another adventurer, you would use the command `say`. For example, `say Did you find the goblin lair?`, appears to others as, `Did you find the goblin lair?`

Some games have a short list of commands, but a wide variety of uses, while others have literally 30 or 40 separate commands. Most of the more sophisticated FRGs offer online manuals you can browse or download for later reading or printing. Unless you are an experienced gamer, I strongly recommend at least scanning the manual before jumping feet first into any online FRG!

Basic commands you'll usually find in an FRG are:

- `? or help` Displays help info (you'll use this one often)
- `inv or inventory` Displays what your character is holding
- `who` Shows who else is in the game right now
- `look` Show me a description of where I am
- `n,s,e,w` Walk in a direction (north, south, east, west)
- `attack <monster>` A general fight command (this varies from game to game, with many requiring more specific actions, such as kick, punch, swing, etc.)
- `take <item>` Pick up something and place in your inventory
- `use <item>` Use an item in your inventory
- `drop <item>` Drop something from your inventory
- `cast <spell>` If a magic user, cast a magic spell

### *Text adventures*

Of the FRGs found on most BBSs, they can be divided into two general flavors: text adventures and hack and slash. Text adventures are modeled after a relatively ancient group of offline games by a company called Infocom, which were in turn modeled after the relatively prehistoric adventure games found on university



## TRADE WARS 2002

"Trade Wars 2002 combines adventure and exploration with strategy and cooperative play in an entertaining and exciting online game. You compete against other BBSers to be the most powerful trader (or corporation of traders) in the universe. Independent traders can compete quite effectively against large corporations. Corporate members can perform specific duties (as directed by their C.E.O.) in specialized ships. Traders can be 'good guys' or 'bad guys' with different avenues for advancement. The universe can be different with each new game. There is no right or wrong way to play and the possible strategies are limited only by one's imagination."

[Trade Wars 2002 manual, High Velocity Software]

mainframes (usually hidden away by clever programmers). These games are basically more like brain-teasers than true FRGs. The task of the player is to manipulate objects and characters in the world in order to solve a preset problem or complete a preprogrammed quest. These games tend to be very rich in details, easy to play, and very difficult to solve. Most of these games are linear, which means that they vary little for each player (or each time you play), and tend to have only one set of actions required to

solve the game. These games can be a lot of fun...at least the first time you play them.

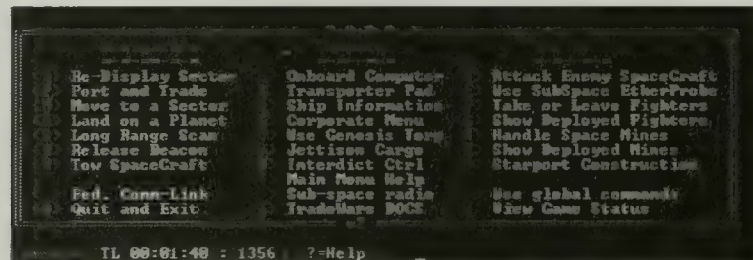
## Hack and slash

Some adventure games advanced to where players could not only choose individualized characters, but also gave them a much broader range of actions. The most common action is battling with computer-generated opponents, as well as other players, and this is why I call these games *hack and slash*, even though they can also be described as *shoot and kill*, or *blast and destroy*. These types of adventures tend to be open-ended, where the players try to gain wealth and power, and no particular conclusion is preprogrammed into the game. These virtual worlds are also very richly described and unpredictable. This open-endedness also means that some of these games are played for months or even years. Even in games with predefined conclusions, the solution varies each time it's played and from player to player. Sometimes these games are played in tournament mode where the highest ranking player is declared the winner after a predetermined length of time.

A couple of great examples of BBS FRGs are Trade Wars 2002, a highly-detailed sci-fi adventure where you become an intergalactic trader, and Swords of Chaos, a true-blue D&D fantasy where you can be a fighter or sorcerer in search of treasure and conquest.

Trade Wars (TW) was first developed by Martech Software for turn-by-turn play on single phone-line BBSs and quickly became one of the all-time most popular BBS games ever developed. Around 1993, a new version, Trade Wars 2002,

was developed by Martech and High Velocity Software for real-time, multiplayer mode, and has now become one of the most popular multiplayer games in the online world. Trade Wars also features some of the most spectacular BBS graphics ever designed for a BBS game.



Trade Wars 2002 main help screen

Swords of Chaos (SOC) represents one of the newest breed of online FRGs. Although SOC is a very new game (first released in 1995), I believe it is also one of the best D&D style games ever developed for online play. The goal (aside from socializing and having fun) is to hack and slash your way to power. You do this by exploring the realm, amassing treasure, and killing monsters. All this is done in a splendidly detailed world of horrible, yet fascinating creatures, with huge areas of wilderness, forbidding caverns, and wondrous castles. Players also have the option to create their own guilds, which function like teams. This is also an open-ended game where players can be involved for months, and BBS operators have the ability to adjust, modify, and add-on to the existing virtual world so it never gets stale.

Other notable D&D style games include MajorMud, TeleArena, and Forbidden Lands. All of these games are lavishly detailed, open-ended, and unpredictable virtual worlds.

### *Arcade-style games*

Arcade-style games are modeled after offline computer games where speed, agility, and fast reaction times are required to win. Most of these types of shoot-em-ups really have no story line at all. Good examples are Pac-dude (modeled after Pac-Man) and Blademaster (an arena fighting game). Because of the graphics and speed required to play, real arcade games are actually rare in the online world, which is limited by the modem speeds and the graphic capabilities of communications software.



One system allows certain popular games to be played using the BBS as a *connection server*. Many of the newer 3D arcade games, such as Doom and Heretic, have a play-by-modem option. Without the BBS, these games can be played one-on-one, where one player connects to another player via modem. However, on BBSs that feature game connection services, up to four (and sometimes more) players can play simultaneously, taking advantage of the BBS's ability to inter-network many users at once. The most popular implementation of this feature is one called Game Connect for MajorBBS, and is featured on many Internet BBSs (and, yes, you can even play using your Internet connection!).

## Word/knowledge games

Word and knowledge games, like board games, have been around long before the first computer was ever conceived. Games like trivia, hangman, and variations of Scrabble and Outburst are a much more easy going diversion for some than the fast paced world of FRGs and Doom. A particular favorite of the older crowd, these types of games are more of an intellectual challenge where baby-boomers can actually compete well against even the fastest-typing cyber-whizkid. On my system, families often play games like trivia together, with one family member typing the answers, while everyone contributes together huddled around the computer screen (now, wouldn't that make a nice Christmas card?).

One of the most popular games on BBSs is trivia. With tens of thousands of possible questions, covering trivia from movies, politics, geography, music, and just about anything you can think of, trivia has become something of an institution. Some BBSs run trivia contests each month with prizes for the top scorers. Trivia is played in a chat-like environment, where the trivia sometimes becomes secondary to socializing among the players.

In our version of trivia, questions appear once every 30 seconds. As the questions appear, each player frantically tries to be the first one to answer correctly (only the first person to guess correctly wins). If no one answers correctly in 15 seconds, the game generously supplies a few hints. Here is a typical trivia session, in progress:

NEXT QUESTION

=====

Who said: "All you need to fly are lovely things and fairy dust"?

.....

:\*\*\* Misty: OJ Simpson

:\*\*\* Samson: Me!

:\*\*\* Gordy Wins! \*\*\*

Answer was:

PETER PAN

GAMING DOS AND DON'TS

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|---|---|
| <i>Do</i> Remember that these are just games—not real life. | <i>Don't</i> Attack other player characters and not expect the same in return.                                    |
| <i>Do</i> Read the manual.                                  | <i>Don't</i> Kill all newbies just because they're newbies.   |
| <i>Do</i> Be kind, patient, and helpful to newbies.         | <i>Don't</i> Expect a refund if the game crashes and you lose your characters, score, or status.                  |
| <i>Do</i> Report bugs and errors to the sysop.              | <i>Don't</i> Harass or otherwise annoy other players in the game (well, unless that's actually part of the game). |
| <i>Do</i> Use the ? or Help command often.                  | <i>Don't</i> Lose your cool.  |

NEXT QUESTION

=====

"The Waltons" battle the Depression and a time slot opposite \_\_\_?

....

:\*\*\* Gordy: uh

:\*\*\* Misty: Dean Martin

:\*\*\* Samson: nah...Dean was too long ago

=====> Clue #1 <=====

"The Waltons" battle the Depression and a time slot opposite \_\_\_?

F... ..

:\*\*\* Gordy: think 70's

:\*\*\* Samson: I was there, man

: Gordy is nodding...

=====> Clue #2 <=====

"The Waltons" battle the Depression and a time slot opposite \_\_\_?

FL... ..L...

:Mega Man has just entered ? Trivia ?

:\*\*\*Mega Man: Eylo!

:\*\*\*Gordy: d'oh

Gordy is kicking Mega Man to heck and back.

Mega Man is kissing Gordy lightly on the cheek.

=====> Clue #3 <=====

"The Waltons" battle the Depression and a time slot opposite \_\_\_?

FLI. .IL...

:---Message Sent---

:\*\*\*Gordy: grin.

:\*\*\* Mega Man Wins! \*\*\*

Answer was:

FLIP WILSON

Other great word and knowledge games include Crosswordz (a variation on Scrabble), hangman, and various Wheel of Fortune clones.



Here are a few great Internet BBS game systems:

BBS name	Location	Telnet address
1990 Multiline Games Machine	Perth, Australia	games.multiline.com.au
Dragon Keep	Gainesville, FL	dkeep.com
ICE Online	Burnaby, British Columbia	icebox.iceonline.com
Meme Online	Bellingham, WA	eris.nas.com
Rippers BBS	Mohave Valley, AZ	rippers.com
Worldnet Ohio	Cleveland, OH	worldnetoh.com

## *Files, files, and more files*

One of the greatest resources offered by most BBSs is files—all kinds of files: utilities, word processors, databases, spreadsheets, informational texts, graphics, fonts, sounds, animations, and of course, games. Files are so popular, in fact, that many BBSs are dedicated file warehouses, sometimes offering gigabytes worth of files, with hundreds of new files each day.

All files on BBSs are either public domain (PD) or shareware (well, at least on legitimate BBSs). PD files (also called *freeware*) are programs that are literally given away to the public free of charge. PD software may still be copyrighted and limitations may exist regarding its proper use and distribution. A common requirement, for example, is that the software isn't included in some other commercial package, or that the file is always distributed in its original form.

Shareware software, on the other hand, is usually distributed under the try-before-you-buy concept. Users are permitted to download and run the programs, but after a certain amount of time, the user is expected to register (purchase) the program. While PD software is usually a completely working version of the program, shareware often has limitations. Shareware programs are often limited versions of commercial programs, designed to give you enough of a taste to encourage you to buy the full version. Shareware limitations may include:

- How many days it can be run, after which the program stops working.
- How many times you can actually run the program, after which it stops working.
- Some of the features are disabled. This is also often referred to as *crippleware*. Only once the software is registered do all the features work. A common example would be a shareware word processor that doesn't allow you to save your document.

- Parts of the program may be completely missing. This is very common in games. A good example would be the shareware version of Doom, where only several of the gaming levels found in the full version are included.
- The program includes annoying begging-for-dollars screens. These programs tend to be full versions, but each time the program is started, run, or stopped, a thoroughly irritating message pops up telling you that you need to register the shareware program.

Nevertheless, the bulk of software on BBSs is shareware, and most is useful enough in its shareware form to be valuable. Even software that is severely limited may still be useful in helping you choose what program you may want to eventually buy. In particular, I find that shareware versions of games are not only a lot of fun, but have saved me at least several thousand dollars worth of wasted purchases. I can usually tell within the first few minutes of playing a shareware game whether or not it's something I would want to buy. Shareware versions of some games are pretty good in and of themselves! The shareware version of Doom, by ID Software, for example, is good for many hours of fun, even though it lacks the higher game levels.

### *Downloading via the Internet*

A normal file transfer on the Internet is usually done through a special client called file transfer protocol (FTP), an Internet-specific client developed originally for transferring files between UNIX hosts. However, only a handful of BBSs offer FTP as a file transfer option. Most BBSs offer file transfers using dial-up protocols (see *The basics of downloading* in this chapter), which will work just fine for most Internet connections as well. However, downloading files from a BBS you are connected to through a telnet connection may require a few special considerations depending upon how you are connected. Download protocols, such as Zmodem, require an 8-bit or *binary* connection to work. Unfortunately, the Internet leans towards 7-bit connections as the standard mode of operation, requiring you to modify the default characteristics of your telnet session to switch into 8-bit mode. This is easily done, and is explained below. Once in an 8-bit/binary mode, all the file transfer protocols available to your communication program will work across the Internet just as if you were connected through a direct dial-up connection.

Downloading via an Internet connection is dependent upon the type of connection you are using. Several setup types are listed below and technical considerations are covered for each.



## IT WILL WORK, I SWEAR!

Don't be surprised if your Internet provider tells you it's not possible to do a file transfer through a telnet connection. To an Internet wizard, telnet is used for terminal connections—basically, its *only* use is logging in to a remote host. File transfer capability is not included in the telnet client, and therefore file transfers are not possible. Well, try not to sound too arrogant when you tell them they are 100% positively wrong. Tell them, "In binary or 8-bit mode, telnet works just fine as a transport medium for a secondary client, such as my communications program, and will handle Zmodem file transfers just fine. All I need to know is how to switch to

binary or 8-bit mode in your telnet client. You *do* know how your telnet client works, don't you?" Nothing motivates a computer Guru more than suggesting that you, some end user, know something they don't. They might even break out a manual (they won't admit this) and find the telnet information you need. After several minutes (or a call-back) a common response might be, "Oh! You mean you're using a communications program! Sure, all you need to do is type *toggle binary* while in telnet command mode." Thanks...you Gurus know everything :)

## 1 Connected to an ISP using a shell account

This is one of the most common user setups I encounter. You dial up and log in to your ISP using a standard communications program, such as Qmodem, Procom, or Telix, and from there you execute a telnet session by typing `telnet <host name>` at a command prompt. For example:

```
telnet dkeep.com
```

In many cases, that's all you'll need to do because either the default settings have been preconfigured as binary, or your telnet client automatically negotiates a binary connection with the BBS. But this is not always the case, and if you get immediate errors trying to transfer files, or just aren't sure how you are set up, try this procedure:

<code>telnet</code>	by itself, this will put you in telnet command mode
<code>toggle binary</code>	turn on binary mode—if the <code>toggle</code> command doesn't work, try <code>set</code> instead
<code>open gcomm.com</code>	start a session with the BBS

The procedure above works about 95% of the time, but if you continue to have problems, you might try these setting in addition to the `toggle binary` command above:

<code>set flushoutput off</code>	to avoid the transfer aborting
<code>set escape off</code>	also to avoid aborting

### 2 Connected to a BBS with Internet services

This setup is also very common, but is usually far less problematic because of the much improved user interface of the BBS. One special note, however, is that some BBSs use a UNIX-type command shell for Internet services. If this is the case with the BBS you are calling, then follow the instructions for setup 1, above.

Since more than half of all Internet BBSs use MajorBBS and MajorTCP/IP to provide Internet services, here is a common procedure used to connect to a remote BBS using an 8-bit connection:

```
DKI Teleport Magics
=====

    O - Open a telnet connection
    S - List programmed connections
    X - Exit
Enter thy choice: o

<Telnet>
Enter Host Name or IP address (ie: 199.84.216.1)
> gcomm.com

Telnet: Attempting to resolve gcomm.com...

Telnet: Successfully resolved. [206.30.202.14]

Enter Port address (Use Port 23 if in doubt)
> 23

A = MUD's
B = Remote logins into other systems
8 = Supports ZMODEM transfers (will not work with all systems)

Open connection in (A)scii, (B)inary or (8)Binary 8-bit mode or (H)elp
> 8

...Be patient...this should not take more than 30 seconds.
[Telnetting to: >"206.30.202.14 23"].
```

### 3 Connected to an ISP or BBS using SLIP or PPP

A SLIP or PPP connection requires that you install a telnet client on your PC (see *Using Telnet to Access an Internet BBS*). There are two general types that will allow for file transfers.

The first type is a stand-alone telnet client with built-in file transfer protocol. For Windows, the best of these clients is Netterm, and can be found on the *Internet BBS Starter Kit* diskette included with this book. Netterm supports Zmodem protocol, so once you find the file you're looking for, all you have to do is tell the BBS



## FTP VIA TELNET

It's important to note that most standard telnet clients do *not* support file transfer of any kind. To transfer files from a BBS via a SLIP or PPP account, you must use a telnet client with built-in Zmodem protocol or ComT along with a Windows-based communications program.

to start sending it. Netterm will automatically receive the file and place it in whatever download directory you defined in the Netterm setup.

The other type of telnet client is one created by ComT, the telnet modem. ComT allows you to use virtually *any* Windows-based

communications program as a telnet client, and thereby gives you access to all the normal transfer protocols you'd find in a ordinary communications program. This is a great option for Windows users who already have a favorite communications program.

#### 4 PC directly connected to a LAN or other Internet-connected network

Occasionally, I'll get a question from a user who accesses the Internet from a PC connected to a network (usually at work). This situation is generally no different than a dial-up SLIP or PPP user with regards to file transfer. If this is how you are connect, then you will need to either use a telnet client with built-in transfer protocols or ComT (see setup 3).

#### 5 Terminal connected to a host-based computer on a network

If you are using an old-fashioned dumb terminal (which means that your workstation isn't really a computer at all), then the only access you have to the Internet is through clients offered on your host system (i.e., a mini-computer, mainframe, or other large host system). Unfortunately, the only telnet clients available for these types of systems do not support file transfer (or, at least, I haven't been able to locate any). In this situation, your only option is to use FTP (not supported by most BBSs), or a Web client with file-transfer options configured (and this only works on the handful of Web-based BBSs, discussed in the next section).

#### 6 Downloading through the Web

Many Internet BBSs are making the move to put their BBS directly on the Web. Several file-oriented BBSs have already done so.

Two BBSs that have made a very successful move to the Web are ExecPC and Software Creations, and both are huge file warehouses. ExecPC's Web-based system is called "The World File Project," and offers an astounding 600,000 files (about 65 gigabytes) directly through the Web. ExecPC also utilizes a trademark search utility called *hyperscan*, which will help you quickly locate files based on any combination of up to six keywords, and search across any single category or across all categories combined.

Software Creations' Web BBS is the other Web-based file warehouse offering the latest in shareware, particularly the newest in games by popular authors such

as Apogee and ID. Software Creations' Web-based interface also allows the user to search on keywords and file dates.

Once you've found the file you're looking for, downloading it through a Web client such as Netscape Navigator, Mosaic, or Microsoft Explorer is merely a click away. All of these Web browsers come with built-in file downloading capabilities. After you click on the file, you merely need to specify a location on your hard drive to copy it to, and the rest is completely automatic. With this ease of use, I would expect to see many more Web-based BBSs in the coming year.

### *The basics of downloading*

Of all the technical questions I receive from users, the most daunting usually deal with file transfers. Of all the activities users can do on a BBS, file transfer seems to be the area where users have the greatest difficulties, and the more novice users are with computers in general, the more confused they become. When I was initially approached to write a book about Internet BBSs, my very first reaction was to sigh, "I guess I'll need to explain file transfers across an Internet connection." I've probably explained the basics of file transfer several hundred times by now, so here is a basic outline of what's involved:

- 1 You find and select the file you want to download.
- 2 You select a download protocol on the BBS, select the same download protocol in your communications software, and start the file transfer.
- 3 You log off the BBS, go to your download directory, and (usually) decompress the file.

Sounds simple, eh? Actually, file transfer *is* simple, and once you've done it a few times, you'll wonder what all the fuss was about. The following sections include details about each of the above steps, and concludes with information specific to downloading through an Internet connection.

#### 1 Finding files

Finding an interesting file to download on a BBS is the easiest part of the file transfer process. In fact, your biggest problem may be choosing from amongst the tens of thousands of files stored on most systems. Some systems, like Execpc in Wisconsin (bbs.execpc.com), have a whopping 600,000 files to choose from. Fortunately, most BBSs organize their files into subject-oriented categories, and virtually all BBSs have some means to search any or all libraries for specific keywords. A keyword might be something like *golf*, if you were looking for a good golf game. Subject categories could be general very general, such as *games* or *spread-sheets*, or very specific, like *Apogee games* or *Windows Excel utilities*.

Here is an example of how files are organized on my BBS:

Library	Files	Description
APOGEE	20	Games from Apogee Software
CDROM	26	CDROM files listings
DOS-APP	137	MS-DOS applications
DOS-GAME	885	MS-DOS games
DOS-GRAP	78	MS-DOS graphics
DOS-PROC	54	MS-DOS programming
DOS-UTIL	158	MS-DOS utilities
GCONN	10	Game Connect support files
GIFS	897	GIF pictures
HELP	33	Help and support files
INTERNET	174	Internet information and programs
SOUND	117	Sound files of all kinds
TEXT	172	Text files of all kinds
WIN95	108	Windows '95 files
WINDOWS	415	Windows programs and utilities

Users have the option to simply browse a file library, or search for a specific keyword or file name:

The main file library menu:

```
F ... Find files
D ... Download a file
U ... Upload a file
S ... Select a Library
L ... Download lists of files
P ... Set your preferences
O ... Operations menu
X ... Exit File Libraries
```

Select a letter from this list, or ? for help:

After selecting the option to find files, the user is given a set of options to help locate certain files:

List Files:

```
F ... By file name, alphabetically
D ... By date, most recently added to Library
Q ... Quickscan for new files
N ... By number of times the file has been downloaded
```



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Search Files:

W ... By file name, or partial file name (wildcards)  
K ... Keyword search through file names and descriptions

Select an option, X to exit, or RETURN for date most recently added:

On ExecPC's BBS the same functions exist but are presented differently:

### MAIN COLLECTION SELECTION MENU

<C> COMBINED : All files on this system combined into huge collections!  
<F> FREE : Downloadable lists, utils, games (DOOM, Epic, Apogee...)  
<R> CD-ROM : Numerous individual, unique file collections on CD-ROM  
<Z> Corporate: Special private file areas

DU File Collection Description	DU File Collection Description
<A>+DU Mahoney IBM Compatible DOS	<K>+DU LAN Local Area Network Files
<B>+DU MS Windows	<L>-DU Macintosh Collection
<D>+DU Windows 95/NT	<M>+DU Doom Game Collection
<E>-DU OS/2	<N>-DU Amiga Collection
<G>+DU Picture files (.GIF,.PIC,etc)	<O>-DU Mainframe and Midrange Files
<I>+DU Text files only, misc.	<P>-DU UNIX / XENIX
<I>+DU Fonts, Typefaces	<S>- U Private Uploads to Sysops
<J>+DU Music, Sound files	<T>+DU Bulletin Board Files (BBS)
In the 'DU' column: 'D' means you may Download, 'U' means you may Upload.	
<*> All (+) JOINED areas combined	<#> Display file system JumpWords
<-> Unjoin a file collection	<+> Join a file collection
<Q> Quit to TOP menu	<?> Help for this menu

<< ENTER A COLLECTION LETTER (Q=QUIT, ?=HELP)->

After you've selected your search, you'll be presented with a list of files matching your search criteria. In this example from a MajorBBS, we've searched for the words *screen saver*.

All Libraries	File Name	Size	Date	Description
A	ANIMANIC.ZIP	423K	12/23/95	THOSE PESKY LITTLE TROUBLE MAKERS ARE ALL OVER
B	B&B_SCR1.GIF	66K	04/22/95	Beavis & Butthead from the Screensaver
C	BILLTAX.ZIP	83K	03/15/94	Screen Saver - Clinton on Bulldozer
D	BUNNY1.ZIP	165K	11/26/95	SCreensaver of hopping Bunny..
E	CATMOVE1.ZIP	176K	08/18/95	Catmoves Screensaver are five cats randomly
F	DINOSAVE.ZIP	1.0M	08/18/95	This is the awesomest shareware Screensaver on
G	DINOSH.ZIP	89K	04/15/94	Win scrn svr-dinosaur runs out & shreds
H	DOOMSAVR.ZIP	23K	08/24/94	DOOM SCREENSAVER!
I	EXPLOSV3.ZIP	201K	06/29/93	Excellent screen saver for DOS&WIN
J	FRENET33.ZIP	180K	07/24/95	Frenetic v3.3 endless colorful graphic
K	GDSS100.ZIP	420K	01/16/96	GODDESS V1.00s - FLI and FLC animation, BMP,
L	JOKEBAG.ZIP	563K	09/25/95	Fortune cookie screensaver (.scr) with 7000 jokes
M	LNUNETNY.ZIP	110K	07/28/95	The naturalist/nudist screensaver. Freeware.
N	PHNSCR10.ZIP	332K	04/26/94	Great animation (s) screen saver
O	SIMCITY.ZIP	1.2M	12/23/95	SIMCITY 2000 THEME AND SCREENSAVER FOR WIN 95
P	SIMPSON.ZIP	349K	12/23/95	BART SIMPSON THEME AND SCREENSAVER REALLY
Q	UNIPWR51.ZIP	313K	04/09/95	UniPOWER v5.1: Universal DPMS Power

TOP OF LIST. Press CTRL-N for next page, ? for help, or X to exit.  
To highlight a file, use your arrow keys or the letters in the left column.  
RETURN views details on highlighted file, SPACE tags it, CTRL-D downloads it.

From this listing, you can get a basic description of each file, how big the file is, and how old the file is. If you're trying to get an idea of how long it will take to download a file, a good rule of thumb is approximately one minute for every 100K using a standard 14.4 modem, about 40 seconds per 100K for a 28.8 modem, and a very slow 8–10 minutes per 100K for a 2400 baud modem. (Moral: get a fast modem!)

If you had called the BBS using standard ANSI emulation, you would then be able to use your arrow keys to move up and down the file listing. To see an additional description of the file, you would highlight it with your arrow keys, and press Enter. (The highlighted file will appear in a different color than the other files.)

	<u>Description</u>
File name: EXPLOSV3.ZIP	Excellent screen saver for DOS&WIN
Library: DOS-UTIL	Explosiv 3.0 is the one screen saver that addresses all your DOS(R) and
File date: 06/29/93	Microsoft(R) Windows(TM) computing needs.
File time: 18:52:42	Explosiv 3.0 is both entertaining and
File size: 205836 bytes	practical as sixteen beautiful displays prevent harmful burn-in. Now includes
Downloads: 45	Explosiv Logo, which turns your GIF images into screen saver displays.
Date added: 06/29/93	Compatible with networks. Shareware (\$20)
Time added: 12:59:44	from H&G
	explosive screensaver gif dos windows
Approximate	
download time: 3 minutes	
Credit Charge: 0	
<hr/>	
Uploaded by: Nekron	
<hr/>	
Press CTRL-D to download this file now, SPACE to tag it to download later, CTRL-V to view file contents, or X to return to the file list.	

Now we have all the details we were looking for. We know the file runs under both DOS and Windows, what the program actually does, and that it's a shareware program that costs \$20 to register. We can now either just select the file for immediate download, or *tag* the file for later download. File tagging allows you to select many files, and then download them all using a single command. Once you've downloaded a few files you'll quickly see the convenience of this. Let's say you wanted to download five files that were about 200K each. If you did them individually, you'd have to wait for each file to download and then start the process all over again for each file. If you simply tagged all five files, you could download them all in one command using a "batch" protocol (see the next section).

## 2 Downloading the file

Using the file EXPLOSIV3.ZIP as our example, we can now choose to actually download the file. The term *download* means to transfer a file from a host (i.e., BBS) to your local computer, while the term *upload* means to transfer a file to a host computer from your local computer. To download a file from a BBS, you are

COMMONLY USED BBS DOWNLOAD PROTOCOLS

**Xmodem** The very first protocol developed. It's one of the slowest protocols out there, and its error correction is marginal; however, it's available in virtually all communications packages, for all computer operating systems. It lacks automatic file naming, and cannot be run in batch. Use this protocol as a last resort only.

**Xmodem-1K** This is a slightly updated version of Xmodem that uses larger packets, so it runs quite a bit faster than regular Xmodem. Still, this should only be used if no other protocols are available to you.

**Ymodem-batch** This protocol is faster than either of the Xmodem variants, and has much improved error recovery. The biggest feature is the ability to handle batch downloads, as well as automatically name the incoming files. If a more advanced protocol is not available to you, this one is a better choice than Xmodem or Xmodem-1K.

**Ymodem-G** This is a special protocol developed specifically for the new breed of error-correcting modems. Since all 14.4 and 28.8 modems have built-in error correction, this protocol throws caution to the wind and doesn't do any error correction as all. The result is a hands-down faster protocol than any other available. The downside is that unless you have near-perfect line conditions, and near-perfect modem error-correction, file transfers tend to simply abort at the first sign of trouble. Unless you are using an error-correcting modem, this protocol

should *never* be used.

**Super Kermit** The original Kermit protocol was designed around UNIX-to-main-frame file transfers because of its unique ability to transfer files in 7-bit mode. The newer Super Kermit allows for 7-bit transfers (very useful if you can't establish an 8-bit telnet session), and uses a variable packet size that adjusts itself for poor communications conditions. Not all BBSs or communications programs support Kermit, but if you are having severe or unusual download problems, it's a good one to try.

**Zmodem** Zmodem is an exceptionally fast protocol (just a hair slower than Ymodem-G) with intelligent and highly effective error correction, in fact, probably the best error correction of any widely available protocol. As line conditions vary so does the protocol, switching from larger to smaller packets automatically. In the event that a file transfer aborts completely (say someone picks up the phone on your computer line), you can pick up the file transfer where it last left off (called *crash recovery*). Zmodem also supports batch transfers, auto-naming, and auto-start (you don't have to start the transfer on your end). Zmodem is always the file transfer I recommend to my users, and should always be selected if supported by your communications program (in fact, if your program doesn't support Zmodem, you should find another program!).

required to choose a download *protocol*. A protocol is merely an error-correction method, and is designed to guarantee that the file transferred gets from the BBS to your computer without any errors. Protocols break the file transfer into manageable chunks called *packets* or *blocks*. Each packet is verified against errors as the transfer occurs. If an error does occur, such as that caused by a bad phone connection, the packet is resent. By breaking the transfer into smaller packets, errors can



be corrected without having to resend the entire file. It is not unusual to get an error during a file transfer, and if the transfer completes, you can usually be assured that the file on your computer is error free. If line conditions are very bad and the protocol cannot correct for the errors, the file transfer will usually abort. In those cases you should try calling back in hopes of a better phone connection, or if the problems persist, have your phone lines checked by the phone company. Remember that the same conditions that might cause a bad phone connection, such as a severe thunderstorm, will undoubtedly affect your computer communications as well.

Download protocols vary in both their ability correct for errors, and the overhead they place on the file transfer. Overhead is caused by the error-correction information the protocol adds to the file transfer. This information is usually based on a formula, or algorithm, that both sides of the communications can calculate. If a packet comes in that does not add up to the same calculated information already attached to the packet, it's a flag for the protocol to resend the information. Protocols with high overheads (lots of correction information) will transfer files much slower than those with low overheads. Protocols also vary in several other important characteristics, such as their ability to download multiple files in a batch, and the ability to auto-name the files transferred to your computer (protocols that lack the auto-name ability require the user to manually name the incoming file).

At about this time, users usually start to wonder, If Zmodem is so great, why all the other protocols? The answer is simply *compatibility*. All computers used to connect to BBSs are not same, and even those that are the same tend to use a wide variety of communications software. Unfortunately, all users don't have the same protocols available to them, so each BBS needs to offer as many options as possible. I would be the first to admit that the modern world of online computing probably needs this variety less than the older world of non-standard computers. Just about everyone these days has either an MS-DOS or Windows-based PC, or a Macintosh, and both generally offer Zmodem as a protocol option. (One interesting exception to this rule is that the Windows 3.x default terminal program only offers Xmodem as a download option.)

Now is also the time I generally suggest that the user find the manual or online help for their communications program. Believe it or not, sysops are not always familiar with every version of every communications program out there. Before you tell the BBS to start sending you a file, you need to know how your communications software is set up. There several settings you must track down before attempting a download.

- *Download directory* This is the file directory where downloaded files will be placed during the transfer. If you don't know what directory this is, you'll have a hard time finding the file after you download it. Some software won't allow you to download a file at all until this information is configured.

- *Start download option* If you are using Zmodem, most communications software comes preconfigured with auto-start turned on, so as soon as you tell the BBS to begin the transfer, your communications software is smart enough to go into Zmodem receive mode automatically. Just to be sure, you'll want to verify this setting. If you are using a protocol other than Zmodem, then you will need to manually start the download on your end. In common communications programs, such as Qmodem, Procom, and Telix, the keystroke is Page-Down, but the key could be something completely different if you are using another program.

Now that you've confirmed your software settings, we're ready to download `EXPLOSIV3.ZIP`. Using MajorBBS as our example, you would type Control-D (hold the Control key down and press the letter *D*). After hitting Control-D (or whatever option the BBS uses), you'll get a listing of download protocols (remember those?):

L ... Listing (a screen at a time)	G ... YMODEM-g
A ... ASCII (continuous dump)	Z ... ZMODEM
M ... XMODEM-Checksum	ZR... ZMODEM (resume after abort)
C ... XMODEM-CRC	K ... Kermit / Super Kermit
1 ... XMODEM-1K	V ... View compressed file
B ... YMODEM Batch	F ... File Export (to any DOS path)

Choose a download option (or 'X' to exit):

The most important thing to remember is that whatever download protocol you choose on the BBS side, is the same protocol you choose in your communications software. Assuming we use Zmodem, you'd simply select option *Z*, and your software should automatically begin the file transfer. If you chose a protocol other than Zmodem, you would select the protocol on the BBS, and then issue the command to start the download from within your communications program (such as Page-Down).

### 3 Decompressing and running the file

All files that you download from a BBS are not treated the same. Files may be compressed and require decompression, or only usable if you have another program to either view, play, or run them. Almost all BBSs use some kind of file compression. Not only do the files take up less room, but they are quicker to download. Most important, however, is that file compression combines many files into a single downloadable package.

The computer world uses a rather clever technique to help you decide how you should handle any given file, and it has everything to do with how the file is named. More specifically, how the file extension is named. (The *extension* is the characters following the period in a filename.) Here are some examples of common file extensions you'll find on BBSs, and what they mean:



Extension	Compressed with
.ZIP	PKZIP (PC, Mac, UNIX)
.ARC	ARC (PC, Mac)
.LZH	LHARC (PC) (also .LHA)
.ARJ	ARJ (PC)
.SEA	Stuffit (Self-extracting) (Mac)
.SIT	Stuffit (Mac)
.CPT	CmopactPro (Mac)
.GZ	GNU Zip (UNIX, PC)
.LHW	LHWARP (Amiga)
.PAK	PAK (PC)
.EXE	PKZIP or LHARC self-extracting (PC)
.SQZ	Squeeze (PC)
.TAR	Tar (UNIX) (also .TAZ and .TAR.Z)
.UUE	UUENCODE (PC, Mac)
.WRP	Warp (Amiga)
.ZOO	ZOO (PC, Mac)

Most BBSs are PC-based (sorry, Mac people), and about 90% of the files you'll find today are compressed with PKWare's PKZIP program, and end in the .ZIP file extension. To uncompress a zipped file, you'll need another program called PKUNZIP. Both programs, along with documentation, can be found in the file PKZ204G.EXE, probably available on every BBS in the world. PKZ204G.EXE is a self-extracting archive which automatically decompressed itself when the file is run. I strongly recommend that you decompress PKZIP and PKUNZIP into its own directory, a utilities directory, or even the DOS directory, and then be certain that you have a DOS PATH statement setup in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file pointing to the directory. This way PKZIP and PKUNZIP will always be available for you to run wherever you happen to be on your computer.

So, lets return to our downloaded file, EXPLOSIV3.ZIP, which should now be sitting in our preconfigured download directory. We would now exit our communications software, and drop to DOS (or, if we were in Windows, we would run our windows-based PKUNZIP).

From DOS we can use PKUNZIP to examine our new download:

```
pkzip -v explosiv3.zip
```

The -v tells PKUNZIP we want to view the file's content. PKUNZIP then shows us what's in the zip file:



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```
PKZIP (R)   FAST!   Create/Update Utility   Version 2.04g   02-01-93
Copr. 1989-1993 PKWARE Inc. All Rights Reserved. Shareware Version
PKZIP Reg. U.S. Pat. and Tm. Off.   Patent No. 5,051,745
```

- 80486 CPU detected.
- XMS version 3.00 detected.

```
Searching ZIP: EXPLOSV3.ZIP -
```

Length	Method	Size	Ratio	Date	Time	CRC-32	Attr	Name
8303	DeflatX	2273	73%	05-27-93	22:28	c82aa366	--w-	APPENDIX.DOC
47549	DeflatX	9532	80%	05-27-93	22:28	79f042e2	--w-	EXPLOSIV.COM
28888	DeflatX	10344	65%	05-27-93	22:28	d5f495c6	--w-	EXPLOSIV.DOC
74202	DeflatX	35828	52%	05-27-93	22:28	6e231e41	--w-	EXPLOSIV.EXE
147505	DeflatX	48896	67%	05-27-93	22:28	8605d974	--w-	EXPLOSIV.OVL
4168	DeflatX	1537	64%	05-27-93	22:28	93c456ad	--w-	EXPORDER.FRM
33436	DeflatX	18507	45%	05-27-93	22:28	bdb867e8	--w-	INSTALL.EXE
2248	Stored	2248	0%	05-27-93	22:28	5c254197	--w-	LOGO.GIF
2339	DeflatX	1041	56%	05-27-93	22:28	33eaf49a	--w-	README.1ST
9365	DeflatX	4466	53%	05-27-93	22:28	cc571003	--w-	WIM.DLL
47104	DeflatX	17460	63%	05-27-93	22:28	4a974df5	--w-	WIM.EXE
126464	DeflatX	40051	69%	05-27-93	22:28	98028129	--w-	WX.EXE
261	DeflatX	157	40%	05-27-93	22:28	26430b64	--w-	WXINST.INF
32256	DeflatX	5886	82%	05-27-93	22:28	dcbf4564	--w-	WXINST.OVL
9365	DeflatX	4466	53%	05-27-93	22:28	cc571003	--w-	WXL.DLL
446	DeflatX	292	35%	05-27-93	22:28	4b911d50	--w-	FILE_ID.DIZ
-----		-----	---					-----
573899		202984	65%					16

From this listing we can see the dates of the files themselves, and more importantly, we can see how much disk space is required for the complete uncompressed program, which is indicated as about 574 K (or 574,000 bytes). Assuming we have enough disk space, we're now ready to decompress.

Decompressing a zip file performs several tasks at once. Of course the files are all extracted and physically decompressed, but the file are also verified as being in the original condition they were zipped as. File compression thereby serves as yet another form of error correction. Additionally, many software authors are using a process called *file authentication verification* (AV). When files have been compressed using AV, they decompress with -AV following each file name. Any file that has been modified or tampered with is indicated during the decompression. With that said, let's decompress EXPLOSIV3.ZIP with PKUNZIP. To decompress the file directly into the current directory:

```
pkunzip explosv3.zip
```

To decompress the file into a directory called c:\explosiv:

```
pkunzip explosv3.zip c:\explosiv
```

Here is the output from PKZIP:

```
PKUNZIP (R) FAST! Extract Utility Version 2.04g 02-01-93
Copr. 1989-1993 PKWARE Inc. All Rights Reserved. Shareware Version
PKUNZIP Reg. U.S. Pat. and Tm. Off.
```

```
80486 CPU detected.
XMS version 3.00 detected.
```

```
Searching ZIP: EXPLOSV3.ZIP -
Inflating: APPENDIX.DOC
Inflating: EXPLOSIV.COM
Inflating: EXPLOSIV.DOC
Inflating: EXPLOSIV.EXE
Inflating: EXPLOSIV.OVL
Inflating: EXPORDER.FRM
Inflating: INSTALL.EXE
Extracting: LOGO.GIF
Inflating: README.1ST
Inflating: WIM.DLL
Inflating: WIM.EXE
Inflating: WX.EXE
Inflating: WXINST.INF
Inflating: WXINST.OVL
Inflating: WXL.DLL
Inflating: FILE_ID.DIZ
```

With the files decompressed, you can now read over the documentation or run the program installation. Some have `INSTALL.EXE`, `SETUP.EXE`, or `START.BAT` files to help get you going. Here are some common file extensions you might find in decompressed programs:

Extension	File type
.EXE	Executable program
.COM	Executable program
.TXT	Text file
README	Text file with special program information, often relevant to installation (also seen as: <code>READ.ME</code> , <code>README.TXT</code> , <code>README.1ST</code> )
.LST	Text file, often a list of some kind
.DTA	Datafile (used by another program)
.IND	Index file (used by another program)
.OVL	Program overlay file (used by another program)
.DLL	Dynamic program overlay, usually used by Windows
.WRI	Text file, in Windows Write format
.BAT	DOS batch file, that can be run

## FILE DOS AND DON'TS

Each BBS has its own downloading and uploading rules, but here are a few that should be universal:

- Do* Check files for viruses before running them. Although most BBSs check files before making them available to users, it's better to be safe than sorry.
- Do* Have a copy of PKUNZIP handy! Most files you get will require this program to uncompress them.
- Do* Make sure you have enough room on

your hard-drive to store the file, both in its compressed form, and the room required to unzip it.

- Do* Include a detailed and accurate description of files you upload.
- Don't* Upload old files or files that are already online. (Sysops hate that!) Check for duplications and newer versions before uploading your file.
- Don't* Upload commercial software! This is not only in bad taste, but it's illegal.

Another general file type deals with computer graphics and multimedia animations (sound and moving graphics). Some of these file types are precompressed, so they won't be within .ZIP files. GIF pictures are usually download as .GIF files, for example. To use any of these file types, you will need a picture viewer or animation player. A suggested listing of supporting software is included (but is in no way a complete list of everything that's available), and are available as shareware or public domain on most BBSs.

Extension	File type	Supporting viewers
.GIF	Graphics Interchange Format	DOS: Compushow, DCView, GDS, GIF-View, Vuimage, Vpic WIN: Media Blastoff, ACDsee, Polyview, Graphics Workshop
.JPG	Joint Photography Experts Group	DOS: Compushow, DVPEG, Qpeg WIN: ACDsee, Graphics Workshop, WinJPEG, Polyview
.BMP	Windows Bitmapped Graphic	DOS: Compushow, Color View, GDS, NeoPaint WIN: Paint Brush, VidView, VuePrint, Graphic Workshop
.TIF	Tagged Image File Format	DOS: Compushow, GDS, Vuimage WIN: WinJPEG, VuePrint
.PCX	Windows PC Paintbrush	DOS: Compushow, GDS, Vuimage WIN: Paint Brush <g>, Media Blastoff, WinJPEG
.AVI	Audio Video Interleaved	DOS: Display, AAPlay WIN: Media Blastoff
.FLI	Autodesk Animator (also, .FLC)	DOS: Anipaint 3D, GDS WIN: Media Blastoff, VidView
.MPG	MPEG Sound/Animation	DOS: Display, GDS WIN: MPEGVU, MPEG Play, VMPEG, MPEG Win



There are, of course, other file types, though this list will account for about 90% of everything you'll find out there. Here are a few great Internet BBS file systems:

BBS name	Location	Telnet address
1990 Multiline BBS	Perth, Australia	bbs.multiline.com.au
Abuse! Online	Miami, FL	abuseme.com
Channel 1	Cambridge, MA	bbs.channel1.com
ExecPC	New Berlin, WI	bbs.execpc.com
Infinite Data Source	Alexandria, VA	bbs.idsonline.com
The File Bank BBS	Fallbrook, CA	bbs.ftb.com

## Message bases

Computer message bases, also called *conferences*, are informal discussion areas where people talk about a wide range of topics. Unlike chat, message bases are more akin to ongoing public email. At your convenience you can read what others have written, reply and comment to what you find interesting, and go on to your next online activity. A BBS message base is an online forum where you get a chance to get on your soap box and make your opinion known to others—sometimes even world wide.

BBS conferences fall into two general categories: local and networked. Local conferences are participated in by members of the local BBS, and often concern the BBS in particular or the local area where the BBS is housed. On my own BBS, we have discussion areas for local politics and events, for example. Networked conferences, on the other hand, are broadcast across multiple systems. How widespread the message bases are depends on the size of the message network. Fidonet, one of the world's largest BBS-based conferences, echoes messages to over 50,000 other BBSs around the world. There is an old saying about echoed

### POPULAR MESSAGE CONFERENCE NETWORKS

*Fidonet* The granddaddy of all BBS message networks. Started way back in the early 1980s, Fidonet claims to have over 50,000 BBSs participating in its conferences.

*RelayNet* Also called *RIME*. Another older BBS message network, featuring thousands of topic areas.

*Usenet* The largest message network in the world, and perhaps the oldest. Usenet is an Internet-based message network that BBSs are only recently embracing. Usenet features over 10,000 conferences, and is echoed the world over. It is estimated that over 1 million people participate in Usenet.

conferences: "Insert foot, echo globally," which means that if you say something embarrassing on an echoed conference, your risk embarrassment the world over as your comments are potentially read by tens of thousands of people. Needless to say, you should think hard before joining the fray.

### *Getting started with message bases*

Getting involved with online messages bases can be a daunting experience. First, there are often hundreds, sometimes even thousands, of possible topic areas. Second, each topic area might contain thousands of messages, and hundreds of separate discussions. So how do you get involved?

As a rule of thumb, most experienced online writers know that its best to start out with a few topic areas of interest, read them for awhile (at least a few days, maybe even weeks), and see what's being talked about before joining in. Each topic area will tend to have its own character, usually defined by the active users in that area. For example, one favorite topic area is politics, and is usually frequented by other users who position themselves on either the left or the right of any issue. It's best to watch a conference like this for a week or so and see if the other writers are willing to intelligently discuss the issues, or whether they dogmatically attack anyone with a differing viewpoint. In either case, you want to have some idea of the character of the discussion group before jumping on board. You will find that while some conferences are very friendly and inviting, others are just the opposite.

### *Saving time and money using offline readers*

Reading through hundreds of messages, and making thoughtful replies is an extremely time-consuming process. Message base enthusiasts often spend an hour or more each day catching up on their favorite conferences. If your online service charges by the hour, this can be an expensive pastime. To keep your online time to a minimum, most BBSs offer the option of downloading new messages conferences you select so you can read them at your leisure with an *offline reader*. Instead of spending all the time online, you simply download a packet of message in just a few minutes. Your offline reader software then organizes the packet of messages for you to read on your home computer while you're not connected to the BBS. Replies are stored in another packet, which you upload the next time you call the BBS. Check the file areas of your BBS for shareware versions of offline readers. Offline readers are available for most operating systems (DOS, Windows, Macintosh, and Amiga).

## MESSAGE DOS AND DON'TS

Each BBS, and sometimes each message network, has its own rules and policies governing message posting. Here are a few that apply just about everywhere:

**Do** Be respectful of other writers. Everyone has a right to an opinion. Treat online discussions as you would a face-to-face discussion. Politeness is universal—even online.

**Do** Try to be topical with your message postings. A debate about the next presidential election probably doesn't belong in the pets forum.

**Don't** Over-quote! Most reader software allows you to quote part of the mes-

sage you are replying to. A little bit of quoting helps keep the conversation on track. Too much is an annoying waste of bandwidth.

**Don't** Spam. *Spamming* is posting the same message across many, often unrelated, message bases. This type of behavior will likely get you snubbed online...if not worse.

**Don't** Flame. *Flaming* is the deliberate harassment of another writer. It usually just leads to more flaming, and degenerates the discussion into mindless bickering.

Here are a few great Internet BBS message systems:

BBS name	Location	Telnet address
Kingston Online	Kingston, Ontario	bbs.kosone.com
The Spring Guide	Austin, TX	spring.com
The Well	San Francisco, CA	well.com

## Information and news

While most Internet BBSs are focused on interaction between users, some are geared to offering information. Information-based BBSs tend to focus on a specific area of interest, although a few offer general news services as well. Here are a few BBSs that focus on information:

BBS name	Telnet address	Description
Anarchy Online	anarchy-online.com	Over one million pages of controversial information ranging from UFOs to computer hacking
Edward Lowe Foundation BBS	bbs.lowe.org	Huge database of information for the small businessman or entrepreneur



BBS name	Telnet address	Description
Sysop News BBS	sysop.com	How to run a successful and profitable online service
The Global Blind Exchange	gbx.org	Support files for disabled computer users
The Knoxville News-Sentinel Knoxlink	online.knoxnews.com	All the news and weather that's fit to print
The Readiness Operation BBS	trobb.com	Over 6,000 documents on nuclear power plant safety
Vail Online	vailonline.vailnet.org	Ski reports and property investments in Vail



## *chapter 4*

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# *Starting points*

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The preceding chapters explain how to set up your telnet client, and how to technically connect to most of the BBSs listed in this book; however, with over 450 Internet BBSs to choose from, you might find choosing a starting point a bit daunting. This chapter is designed with the BBS novice in mind: a leaping off point for the newbie. If, however, you're one of those intrepid Internet wanderers eager to venture out to the unknown nether world of Internet BBSs, you can always turn ahead to Chapter 5, "The Internet BBS Travelogue," and pick any system that sounds intriguing. Most BBSs are very friendly places, eager and willing to help even the most skittish beginner. Most BBSs utilize user-friendly menu systems that are fairly intuitive, so almost any BBS community will suffice to get you started. As with all things, some BBSs stand out from the crowd as examples of what a BBS can be (and perhaps even should be), and some are better suited as great Internet BBS starting points.

The starting-point BBSs listed here all share a few common features. First, they are all accessible using ordinary telnet. Some may offer advanced graphical interfaces running under Windows or on the Mac, but that would require you to download and install additional software, which is not only time-consuming (most are in the one- to six-megabyte range and could take an hour or more to transfer), but can also be technically challenging to set up. For most users, an Internet connection means a SLIP or PPP connection through an local Internet provider, and the very capable Netterm telnet client included on the *Internet BBS Starter Kit* diskette found in the back of this book is the only thing you'll need to start logging in to Internet BBSs around the world. Eventually, you may want to try out one of the advanced clients, but it's probably best to see what kind of system you'd actually like to use before taking the time and effort to download a specialized client. For those whose only access to the Internet is by using a UNIX-like Shell account, the telnet client found on their provider's host system is virtually the only method to connect to Internet BBSs, and is another good reason to start off with a general telnet-accessible BBS. The second characteristic starting-point BBSs share is that they are what I would call user friendly. In this context, I mean that the BBS menu system is well laid out and generally intuitive, and that the BBS is staffed by helpful and enthusiastic sysops who sincerely want to help newbies get started.

## *Choosing your first BBS*

Most Internet BBSs are what I would call general purpose. Most offer a wide range of features, including chat, games, files, and information. If you're not sure what features you're looking for in a BBS, a good general-purpose system is the

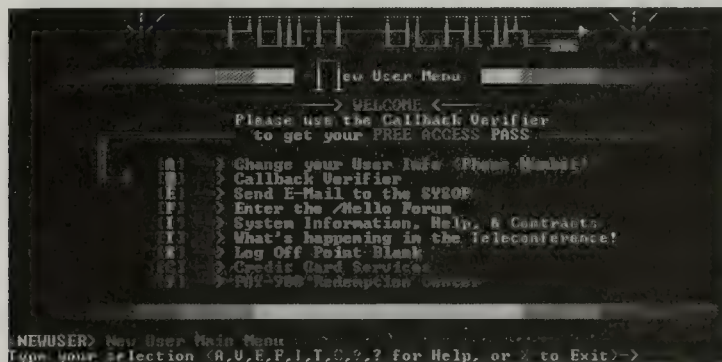


best start. Some of you, newbies or not, already know what you're looking for in a BBS, so I'll suggest a few systems that cater to specific needs as well.

### *The general-purpose BBS: Point Blank BBS (pointblank.com)*

Point Blank BBS in Long Island, New York, is a 150-node, general-interest BBS and a great place to start for the newbie. Point Blank has the distinction of being voted the #1 Internet BBS in my 1996 BBS user survey conducted on the Web. Point Blank isn't the biggest Internet BBS on the Net (though 150 nodes is certainly nothing to sneeze at), nor does it specifically cater to one specific interest group. But it is a wonderful, well-rounded system with a palpable sense of community. Point Blank inhabitants are some of the friendliest you'll find anywhere, and the sysops are especially helpful and patient.

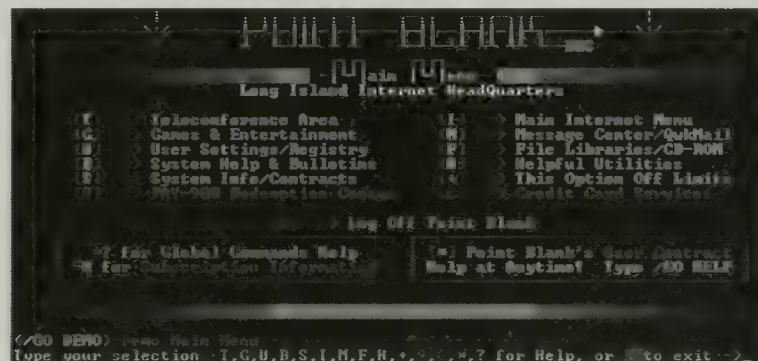
Getting started on Point Blank is a cinch. When you first telnet there (pointblank.com), enter NEW as your login name, and you will automatically be taken through a new user sign-up process. After telling the sysops who you are, where you're calling from, what handle you'd like to be known as on the BBS, and what password to use next time you login (don't forget this!), you will be taken to the New User Menu, shown below.



**Point Blank new user sign-up menu**

Choose the callback verifier option (v) from the New User Menu. The callback verifier is an automatic validation process that allows you to get some free time without having to wait for someone (i.e., a live human being) to call you back on the phone. For telnetters, Point Blank uses an email verification process, which assumes that if you're at least willing to give them a verifiable email address, then you must be a real person. After selecting the Callback Verifier option, answer E

for email verification. You'll then be asked for a valid Internet email address. Enter your email address, and log off. Within about five minutes you'll receive an Internet email from `sysop@pointblank.com` (in my case, it actually took about 30 seconds). The message will contain a four-digit code, something like 5DF1. Write down the code, and telnet back to Point Blank. Enter the handle and password you chose when you signed up, and answer y to the autovalidation question. The BBS remembers that it already sent you a code, so instead of asking you for your email address, this time it will say, "Enter the validation code that was emailed to you." Simply enter the exact code, and you will instantly be placed in the demo-user class, giving you about seven days of free time to see if Point Blank is a BBS you want to subscribe to. This entire process from beginning to end only takes about five minutes, tops, and you'll have immediate access to most of Point Blank's features.



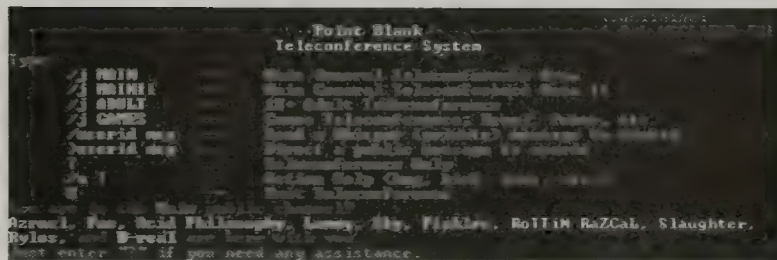
### Point Blank main menu

Now that you're a bona fide user (albeit a demo user), you'll have access to system news and get some idea of what's going on. System news is generally filled with all types of special events—like face-to-face get-togethers, movie outings, and online gaming contests—and will be displayed to you automatically as you make your way to the Main Menu. You'll know that you have stepped into a very vibrant community that is bursting with social activity.

Probably the easiest feature to use on any BBS is real-time chat, also called teleconference. It's also one of the best ways to get to know some of your fellow BBS inhabitants. Select option T from the Point Blank Main Menu, and you'll immediately find yourself in the Main Chat area.

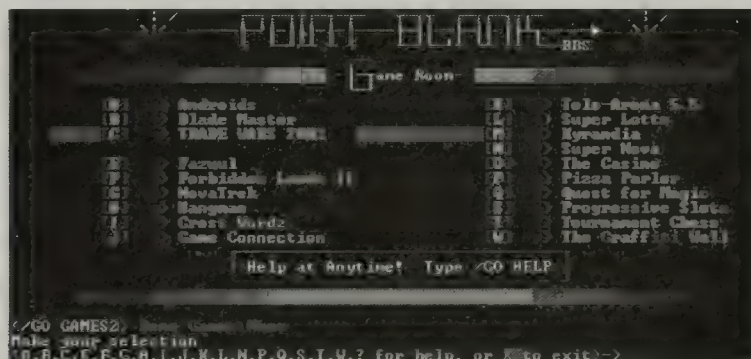
Those strange names underneath the *You are in the Main public channel!* text are the handles of other users in chat. To start your real-time BBS experience, just type a few words, like `Howdy everyone!` and hit your Enter key. Believe it or not, you





## Point Blank chat menu

now know the basics of online chat. Everyone in the channel sees something like From Love Bird: Howdy everyone! If there are other users in the channel, you'll probably get a response like From Bubba: Hi Love Bird! Remember, it's best to be friendly in any new place and not take anything too seriously. Chat is also one of the best places to get help on any BBS function you have a question about. BBSers are usually quite eager to demonstrate their BBS expertise to a newbie. Once you feel comfortable with ordinary chatting, type ? to see some of the advanced chat functions, such as whispering and action words.



### Point Blank game menu

Another fun diversion on most Internet BBSs is games, and Point Blank is certainly no exception. After getting comfortable with real-time chat, try out one of Point Blank's role-playing games, such as TeleArena. Many BBS games are surprisingly complex, and it wouldn't be a bad idea if you found a mentor willing to guide you through the basic strategies of whatever game you decide to try out. Since most games are multiuser and real time, your mentor can enter the game with you, and advise you as you are playing.



### *Special interest starting points*

In addition to Point Blank, there are a few other great jumping-off points on the Net for those looking for a lot of user-to-user interaction. One of these is The Jungle BBS (jungle.net) in New Jersey that not only features 30-plus active chatters online almost twenty-four hours a day, but also offers its very own custom-built chat interface called DialChat. DialChat allows the user to alter the appearance of the chat session, such as the colors of incoming and outgoing messages, and offers advanced private channel options. For a cozier community, you might try Everybaudy's Online (grolen.com), a 45-node BBS in New Hampshire that's well known for its fun, family atmosphere and abundance of friendly users always willing to chat.

If you're one of those game-oriented folk who can never get enough fantasy role-playing or considers chess as a possible vocation, then you might want to telnet over to my own BBS, Dragon Keep (dkeep.com), in Gainesville, Florida. Dragon Keep is part of the international Game Net network run by Rob Bricker (rjb@worldnetoh.com) at Worldnet Ohio (worldnetoh.com). Just about all the games online are participated in by over 40 other BBSs. (That's about 100,000 potential players!) There are plenty of fantasy-role-playing games and also lots of board-type games like chess, Othello, and even a Scrabble clone called Crosswordz (my personal favorite). Dragon Keep offers two free weeks and full access to all its games for anyone telnetting in, so you've got nothing to lose to by trying it. A couple of other great game systems include Meme Online (eris.nas.com), which features over 60 door-type games that are not usually real-time multiuser (proceeding at a slower pace preferred by many beginners), or ICE Online (icebox.iceonline.com), featuring its own original MUD fantasy-role-playing game and a great selection of graphical multiuser games of commercial quality. Both Meme and Ice offer some free time to new users.

Chat and games are fine, but many Internet travellers are only looking for the newest shareware games, application, and graphics. They need look no further than ExecPC (bbs.execpc.com or <http://www.execpc.com>) in Wisconsin. Accessible from either telnet or the Web (with no additional software required), ExecPC maintains one of the largest file libraries in the world, and perhaps *the* best search engine to help locate exactly the file you're looking for in the shortest possible time. It's also cheap to join. Other great file BBSs include Software Creations (swcbbs.com), which specializes in game software and is the official distribution point for many game authors, and Channel 1 (bbs.channel1.com), a well-known and respected file warehouse that is exceptionally well organized and maintained.

Real-time chat is fine for many users, but serious discussion often requires the thoughtful analysis you're much more likely to find on a BBS dedicated to message forums. The best example of this kind of BBS is The Well (well.com), a very

old and venerable online community renowned for its 200-plus well-moderated message bases. Anyone on the Net can participate in the chaos known as Usenet, but it doesn't compare in the quality of conversation you'll find in a Well forum. Another up-and-coming message base community is The Spring Guide ([spring.com](http://spring.com)) in Austin, Texas, which offers discussion on everything from the latest movies to intense political debate.

Finally, there is a relatively short list of BBSs dedicated simply to information, often very specific, such as The Global Blind Exchange ([gbx.org](http://gbx.org)), disseminating information for the visually impaired, or The Edward Lowe Foundation ([bbs.lowe.org](http://bbs.lowe.org)), dedicated to entrepreneurs. If you're simply looking for all the news that's fit for print, then be sure to drop by Knoxlink ([online.knoxnews.com](http://online.knoxnews.com)), a virtual Internet newsstand accessible through telnet or the Web.

For absolutely anything having to do with the U.S. government, the only place you'll ever need to visit is NTIS FedWorld ([fedworld.gov](http://fedworld.gov)), a huge storehouse of government documents and transcripts, as well as a centralized hub for all kinds of related systems that you can connect to through FedWorld. FedWorld has everything from IRS forms to all current government press releases. On the other side of the coin, if you're an aspiring revolutionary or international terrorist or just want the kind of information that's unavailable in the public library, then take a peek at Anarchy Online ([anarchy-online.com](http://anarchy-online.com)). You'll find the latest and most controversial information on subjects as diverse as government cover-ups of UFOs and bomb construction from household chemicals. Keep in mind that some of this information may be illegal in certain countries.

No matter where you start out, BBSs cover enough diversity to satisfy anyone, regardless of interest, computer expertise, or sexual preference. Remember, what makes a BBS special, and so very different from the rest of the Internet, is the community spirit of the BBS. Essentially, it's the users that make a BBS what it is, and not specific features, quantities of hard disk space, or connection speeds. BBS communities differ every bit as widely as do real-life communities, so it might take a bit of travelling to find your home in cyberspace. The next chapter, *The Internet BBS Travelogue*, will be your road map to the exciting world of Internet BBSs. So get out there and have some fun. Happy trails!







## chapter 5

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# *The anatomy of a BBS listing*

You'll probably be unfamiliar with some of the technical details contained in each BBS listing. A quick guide to information included in each BBS listing is below. Not all BBSs support all features such as finger or FTP, and in such instances, the field will be blank.

- *Telnet* Telnet is the primary method used to connect to most Internet BBSs. (How to use telnet is explained in detail in Chapter 2.) The domain name is listed wherever possible because they're much easier to remember than the IP address. The domain names is simply a short-hand form of the IP address, and, like the IP address, is unique to every system. Some systems with telnet addresses listed require the use of a special client other than a basic telnet client, and those are described in the BBS description.
- *FTP* FTP, or file transfer protocol, is a special server designed to facilitate the efficient transfer of files on the Internet. Most BBSs with FTP sites make available information files about the BBS and perhaps a small selection of shareware files at the FTP address. You must use an FTP client to access this address in FTP mode.

- *Finger* Finger is a command found on most UNIX systems and many Internet BBSs, and is primarily used to look up a specific user (i.e., `finger user@domain.com`). The look up usually displays basic information about the user, such as her name and last date of login. Many BBSs use the generic finger command (a domain name without a user name) to show who is currently connected to the BBS. Another use of the finger command is to display an information file about the BBS, such as `info@domain.com`. The address(es) listed here, when fingered, will display some type of information about the BBS or its users.
- *Web* Most BBSs have a Web site containing detailed information about the BBS. In the case of Web-based BBSs, the Web site is an actual method of connecting to the BBS. Use this address with a Web browser such as Netscape Navigator, Microsoft Explorer, or the America Online Web browser.
- *Location* The physical location: usually city, state, and country of the BBS.
- *Dial-Up* Most Internet BBSs (though certainly not all) have a phone number you can use to dial up the BBS using your computer, a regular phone, and a modem.
- *Software* Each Internet BBS runs some type of BBS software. The software type is listed because many users will discover they prefer one type of BBS software to another. BBSs with the same software types tend to work similarly, so once you become an expert with one BBS using a particular software, you will probably find that other BBSs running the same type of software are familiar to you.
- *Nodes* The total number of connections, both from regular dialup and by telnet, the BBS supports. This is usually a good indicator of the overall size of the BBS. A BBS with 100 nodes can have 100 users online simultaneously.
- *Pay* There are three possibilities for this listing. *No* indicates that all BBS features are available at no cost to the user, although voluntary donations are often accepted. *Yes* indicates that the BBS is a subscription service, and all users are expected to pay for most, if not all, services. However, most pay BBSs do allow some limited free trial time so you can see what the BBS has to offer before paying. *Opt* indicates that the BBS offers significant services to the user free of charge, though additional services or additional online time is offered for those who subscribe.
- *Login* When you first connect to a BBS, you are asked for a login name. Some BBSs require that new signups enter a special login name, most often *new*, although there are many variations. The BBS login screen usually makes clear what you need to enter. However, I have discovered enough systems that don't tell the new user much of anything, which is why I added this particular field of information. Some BBSs also offer special demo accounts, and the login name to access those accounts may also be listed in this field.

- **Access** There are only two possibilities for this listing. *General audiences* means that the BBS accepts minors, even though adult-only areas might still be available to those who can prove their age. General audiences does *not* mean that the BBS has no age limits at all (most do). The other listing is *adults-only*, which means that the user must send proof of age before gaining access to the BBS. Adults-only BBSs are not necessarily restricted due to pornography (although many do fit this category), but are generally oriented to more mature online interaction.

## A guide to the ratings

To give you an at-a-glance assessment of each system, each BBS is rated in seven categories. Each category ranks the BBS on a range of one to five, with five being the highest rating. This rating system is entirely subjective and based on a relative scale. For example, a BBS with 200,000 files to download probably has a large enough file selection for most users, yet I may have only rated it a four since there were a number of systems with over 500,000 files. Relatively few BBSs specialize in any one area, so it's not surprising that many will rank a three in most categories, which only means that they offer a little bit of everything. Remember, a BBS is a vibrant and dynamic community that cannot be judged by the number of incoming lines, files, and message bases it offers. The users of a BBS create the community's special and unique atmosphere. These ratings are only meant as a convenience to help those new to the world of BBSs find a system that might interest them.

### BBS rating system

Rating	Description
<b>Games</b>	
0	No games
1	A few single-player games
2	A few multiplayer games
3	A few good multiplayer games and some serious game players
4	Lots of excellent multiplayer games with a significant user base of serious game players. Games are a major focus of the BBS.
5	This BBS's primary focus is games, which are provided in great quantity, and represent the best in multiplayer gaming. The BBS may also offer a BBS game network for added competition.



**BBS rating system (continued)**

Rating	Description
<b>Chat</b>	
0	No chat
1	Chat is available but is not a main feature
2	Chat is available and used but is not the focus of the BBS
3	Chat is a major feature of the BBS and is moderately active
4	Chat is one of the primary focuses of the BBS and is very active
5	Chat is the primary focus of the BBS and is very active. The BBS may participate in one or more national chat linkups.
<b>Files</b>	
0	No files
1	Very few files
2	Some files, but not the focus of the BBS
3	A significant collection of files, updated regularly
4	A very large file library with new files added daily. One or more CDs may also be available. This is a major feature of the BBS.
5	Files are the primary focus of the BBS, and the BBS maintains an exceptionally large or exceptionally specialized file library. The BBS may also offer many CDs and/or offer a very complete listing of hard-to-find files of a specific type.
<b>Messages</b>	
0	No message bases are available
1	A few local message bases are available, and are not very active
2	The BBS offers moderately active local and networked message bases
3	The BBS offers many local and networked message bases with moderate to high levels of activity
4	Message bases are one of the key features of this BBS, and many local and networked message bases are available with moderate to very high levels of activity
5	Message bases are the primary focus of this BBS. Many very active local conferences are available, and/or at least several major national message networks are available.
<b>Information</b>	
0	No information is available
1	Some general information is available
2	A range of information is available, usually in the file libraries, though not of any particular focus

**BBS rating system (continued)**

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Description</b>
3	The BBS maintains information files or messages on one or more significant subjects or areas
4	Information is one of the main features of the BBS, and a significant set of files, messages, or databases are available on one or more subjects
5	Information is the primary focus of this BBS. Files, messages, or databases are available on either a wide range of topics, or the BBS maintains an exceptionally complete set of information in a specific area.

**Atmosphere**

- 0 A totally bland, out-of-the-box BBS
- 1 A generally bland BBS, with very little customizing
- 2 Enough customizing so you can distinguish this BBS from another running the same software. Very little sense of place.
- 3 A customized BBS offering a unique sense of place. A pleasant atmosphere conducive to user interaction. Some sense of being a cyber-community.
- 4 This is a very unique experience, highly conducive to user interaction, and is most definitely an online community
- 5 Atmosphere and community are the primary focuses of this BBS, built from the ground up as a virtual online community. This BBS is more than a mere online service, but is a true cyber-village.

**Connectivity**

- 0 No connectivity to any network (so it's not in the book)
- 1 Basic incoming telnet or specialized client access. No outgoing Internet capabilities.
- 2 Incoming telnet and perhaps Web or FTP access, offering a few outgoing network or Internet functions
- 3 Most Internet features are offered here, both incoming and outgoing. This BBS also operates as a basic Internet provider, and probably offers SLIP/PPP access as well.
- 4 This BBS operates as a full-featured Internet provider, and offers most or all Internet capabilities, including Web space to users. Connectivity to other networks and some business-related services may also be offered.
- 5 This BBS's primary focus is Internet/network connectivity, and it offers all of the features any full-service ISP can offer, including Web space and shell accounts. This BBS may also offer business-related Internet services such as Web design and high-speed digital connections.

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## *The Internet BBS travelogue*

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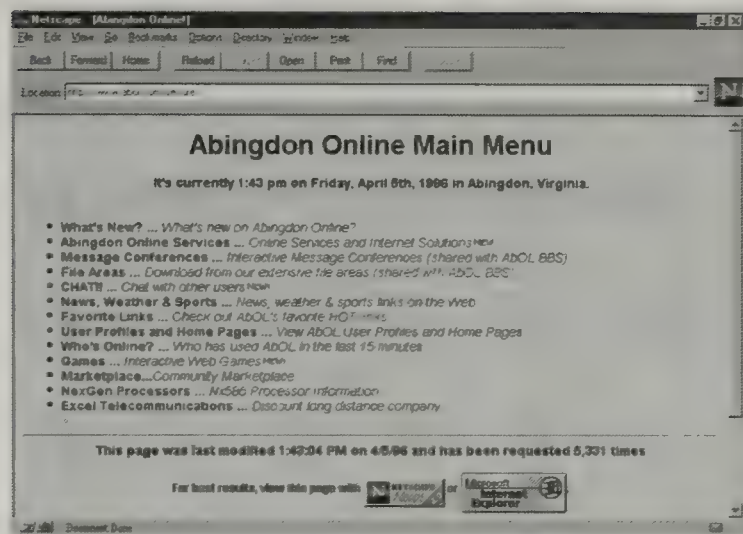
This section is your guide to Internet BBSs around the world. You'll see that these unique Internet communities come in a variety of sizes, flavors, and themes. From the serious business system to the fun-loving chat board, Internet BBSs cover a wide spectrum.

Each BBS listing includes all the technical details you'll need for connecting through the Internet, Web, or direct phone dial-up. A brief description of each community will help steer you toward destinations that meet your interests. I hope that you will get to know some of these wonderful places in your travels throughout the Net. Take the time to sit back and kick off your shoes, and know that you've found a home in cyberspace.

Remember, the online world changes rapidly, so for the latest information, check out the Internet BBS List Web site at <http://www.dkeep.com/sbi.htm>.



# Abingdon Online

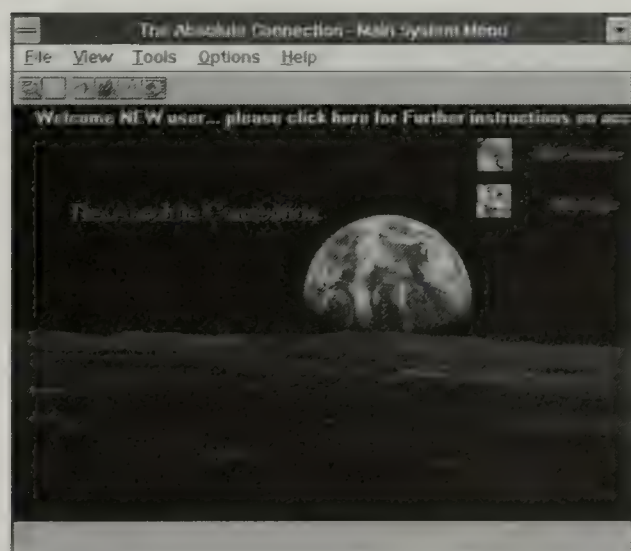


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	2	4	1	3	2

AO is a full service BBS that has successfully integrated many of its features with the Web. AO carries 4 message conference networks, and all of them are immediately available live on both the Web and BBS. Plenty of active chat and multiplayer games too.

Both the BBS and the Web site are free to all users.

## Absolute Connection



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

Over twelve gigabytes of popular shareware files and eighteen online CDs are sure to please the file hounds. Twenty-four-hour chat linkups (Worldlink and Interlink) keep things interest-

<b>Telnet</b>	abol.com (206.31.102.12)
<b>FTP</b>	ftp.abol.com
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://www.abol.com
<b>Email</b>	jlester@naxs.com martin@naxs.com
<b>Location</b>	Abingdon, VA, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	540.676.1189 540.676.2074
<b>Software</b>	Searchlight v4.5a
<b>Nodes</b>	3
<b>Pay</b>	No
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

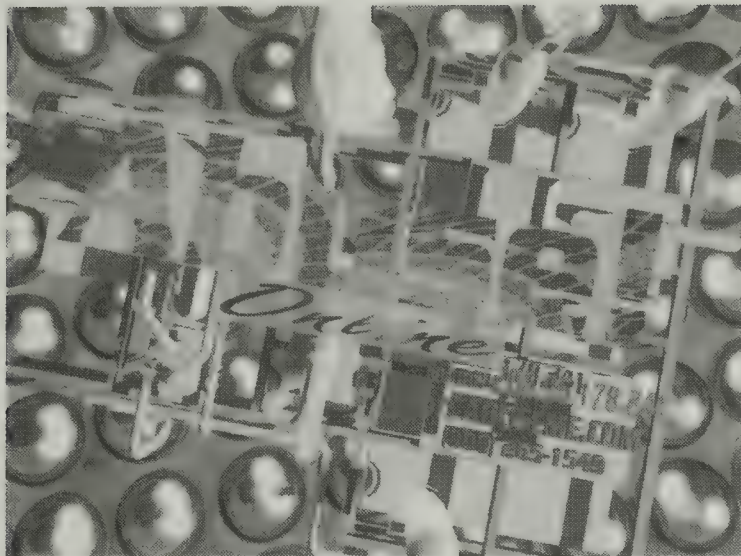
*Sysop Comment (Jason Lester):* "We originally thought that the BBS as we know it would die when the Internet gained more popularity. The opposite has been true. We've found that users from all over the world enjoy using our system for chatting and reading our forums. I think the BBS on the Internet will become even more popular because of the interactivity that isn't available on static Web pages."

<b>Telnet</b>	a-c.in.net (199.0.62.164)
<b>FTP</b>	a-c.in.net
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://a-c.in.net
<b>Email</b>	wl-sysop-a-c.society.com
<b>Location</b>	New Palestine, IN, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	27
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

ing on the AB. Adult-only areas are also available to them that can prove their age.

AB also just recently put up a Web-based BBS that you can log in to using any Web browser...free guest account too.

## Abuse! Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	5	3	1	4	4

### "The world's largest CD collection online"

Don't let the name of this huge Internet file warehouse fool you. With over one million CD-based files online, Abuse maintains one of the largest file bases on the Internet. For the porn-hounds, Abuse has an *immense* collection of adult files too.

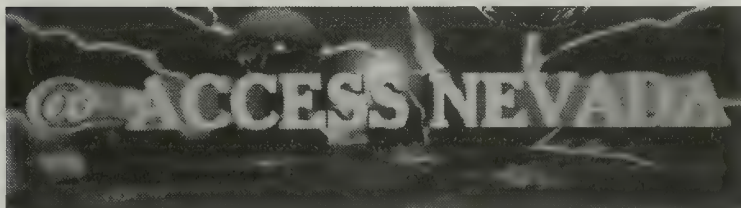
**Telnet** ABUSEME.COM (206.96.178.241)  
**FTP** ABUSEME.COM  
**Finger** ABUSEME.COM  
**Web** <http://ABUSEME.COM>  
**Email** SYSOP@ABUSEME.COM

**Location** Miami, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 305.365.1549

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 60  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

But it's not all files—lots of live chat and multiplayer games make Abuse a complete community well worth a visit. But remember, this is a no-censorship zone, so it can get a little rough.

## Access Nevada



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	1	1	2	3

AN is primarily a support board for AN's Internet services, though the BBS itself has its share of features. Twelve CDs of files and multiplayer Doom are a couple of notable options.

**Telnet** spillway.accessnv.com (199.2.253.3)  
**FTP** ftp.accessnv.com  
**Finger** spillway.accessnv.com  
**Web** <http://www.accessnv.com>  
**Email** mitch@accessnv.com

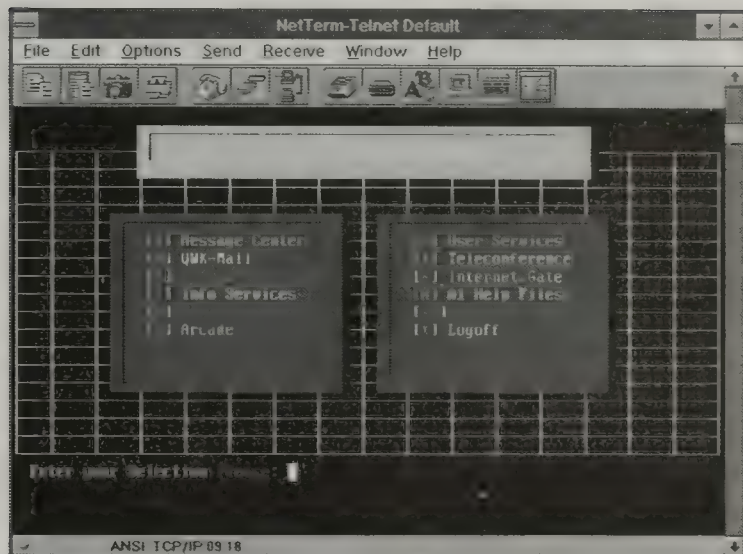
**Location** NV, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

If you're looking for an Internet provider in Nevada, head on down.



## Access One Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	4

**"One of the best and most affordable BBSs you will find"**

A1 has moved around a bit over the years. Starting in Lala Land back in 1981 as a haven for nerds and hackers, A1 found its way to Abilene, Kansas in 1989 where it grew into

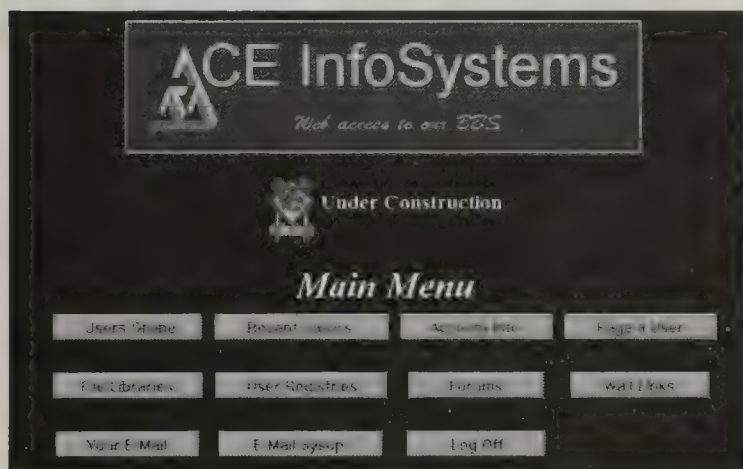
**Telnet** access-one.com (204.95.83.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** access-one.com  
**Web** http://access-one.com  
**Email** sysop@access-one.com

**Location** Abilene, KS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 913.587.7282 913.456.4835  
 913.452.1491 316.772.6871  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 23  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the high-tech Internet BBS we find today. A1 is also a full-service Internet provider.

Don't forget to drop by their Web page and see the sysop's wedding pictures.

## ACE InfoSystems



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	2	2	4

A full-featured BBS, ACE offers a nice collection of multiplayer games (including Doom support), matchmaker, shareware, and online shopping. Web space is also available for user home pages.

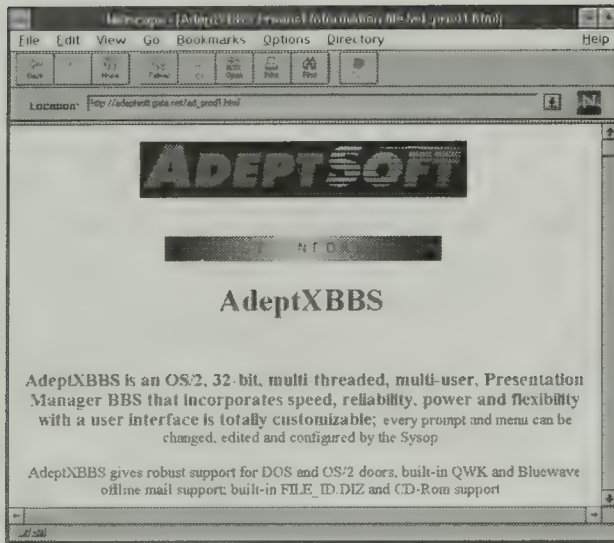
**Telnet** aceinfo.com (199.190.76.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @aceinfo.com  
**Web** http://www.aceinfo.com/  
**Email** sysop@aceinfo.com

**Location** Tracy, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 209.833.0291  
 209.833.1691  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ACE is also a member of the Liberty network HUB system, so is accessible from local numbers as well as the Internet.



# AdeptXBBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	1	3	2	1

AdeptXBBS is a support BBS for AdeptSoft, a software manufacturer. Adeptsoft is best known for its AdeptXBBS BBS software and INTERcomm communications software for OS/2.

**Telnet** adeptsoft.gate.net (199.227.57.1)  
**FTP** adeptsoft.gate.net  
**Finger** adeptsoft.gate.net  
**Web** http://adeptsoft.gate.net  
**Email** adeptsft@gate.net

**Location** Boca Raton, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.477.6310

**Software** AdeptXBBS

**Nodes** 8

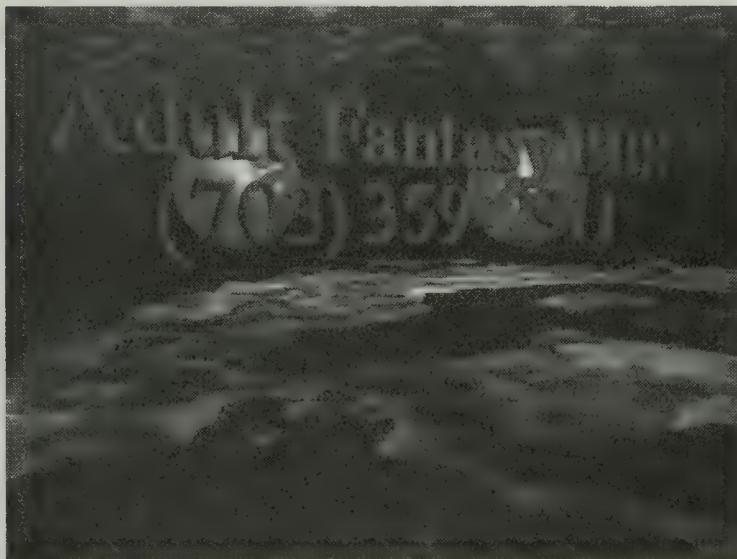
**Pay** No

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

The BBS provides interested purchasers a gander at the AdeptXBBS system itself, as well as providing software updates and patches for Adeptsoft products.

## Adult Fantasy BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	1	4	3

Adult Fantasy is a huge adult-only BBS in our nation's capitol, rumored to be frequented by various politicians in anonymous disguises. Just about everything anyone would want is online, including risqué file and chat areas.

**Telnet** ADF.COM (205.148.233.2)  
**FTP** 205.148.233.2  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.adf.com  
**Email** sysop@adf.com redhawk@adf.com

**Location** Fairfax, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.359.2911

**Software** Worldgroup (MBBS)

**Nodes** 68

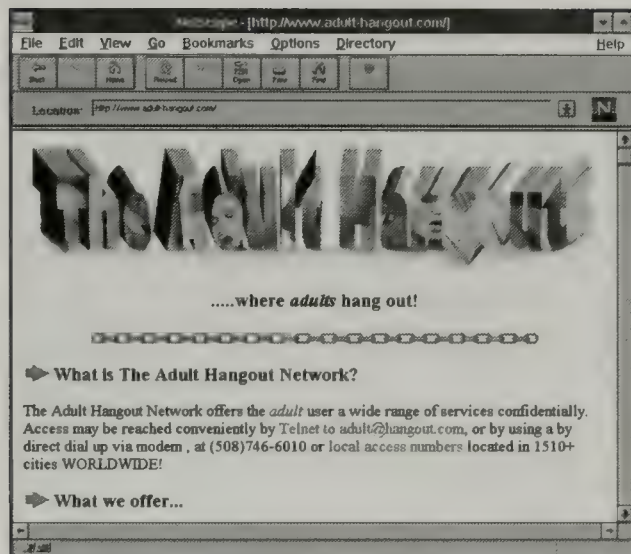
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

This is the only BBS I've found with a free-form forum dedicated to a platypus. Users are encouraged to add to the never-ending story of Thumper. In fact, if you happen run into Thumper, the Twisted Platypus, last seen with Elvis on a UFO, be sure to let the sysop know!

# The Adult Hangout BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	2	1	4	3

## “Over 100,000 adult files online!”

AH specializes in original high quality adult image files (most taken from 35mm slides), and provides a high energy interactive environment for adults to get together on the Internet. AH

**Telnet** adult-hangout.com (207.60.72.193)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.adult-hangout.com  
**Email** sysop@adult-hangpout.com

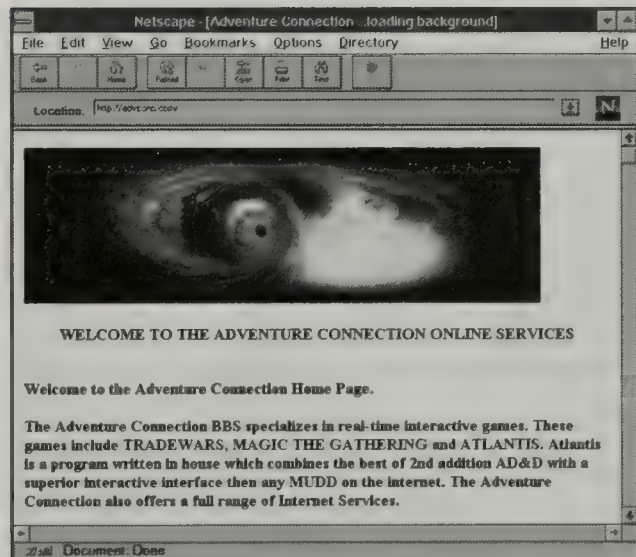
**Location** Plymouth, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 508.746.6010

**Software** Majorbbs  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

also features Real Audio “Voice Personals,” matchmaking services, adult CD store, and adult games.

Looking for that special someone? Give AH a buzz.

# Adventure Connection



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	2	2	1	3	4

## “Specializing in interactive games”

Prepare yourself for a adventure in gaming. AC offers a grand selection of some of the best multiplayer games around, as well as their unique Atlantis fantasy role playing game and online

**Telnet** advconn.com (204.71.182.161)  
**FTP** advconn.com  
**Finger** advconn.com  
**Web** http://advconn.com  
**Email** sysop@advconn.com

**Location** Redwood City, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.365.2898 510.797.4101  
408.244.8160 415.928.4781

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Doom. Combined with several international chat linkups and all the Internet services you can handle, AC is an adventure worth taking.

Stop by for ten free hours.



# AECNET

The Electronic Resource Network  
of Architecture, Engineering  
and Construction

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	3	4	3	3

## "The Electronic Resource Network of Architecture, Engineering, and Construction"

AECNET is a specialty BBS dedicated to the construction-related industry and professions. Valuable and informative industry-oriented message forums abound, including one for

**Telnet** aecnet.com (204.89.131.100)  
**FTP** ftp.aecnet.com  
**Finger** aecnet.com  
**Web** http://www.aecnet.com  
**Email** sysop@aecnet.com

**Location** NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.757.9300

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

computer-aided design (CAD). Special technical support is also offered from some of the nation's leading vendors in the field.

AECNET also offers free pages for professional association members.

## AEROSAT BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	2	1	3	4

## "Satellite Full of Software Files"

Telnet to AEROSTAT and access a satellite 22,500 miles in space using their ten-foot dish for the latest stream of shareware files. You can also meet new friends in the IRC chat rooms, the Casino Room, and Multi-User Dungeons. Compete

**Telnet** nt.pacx.com (204.189.41.20)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://nt.pacx.com  
**Email** Sysop@nt.pacx.com

**Location** Sunnyvale, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** (Telnet only)

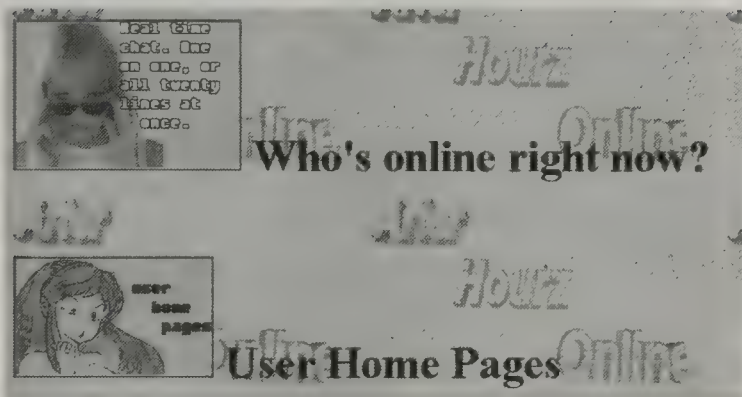
**Software** Worldgroup (MBBS)  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

with others in a large assortment of online games, including an adult adventure game called Erotica. Full Internet provider.

Check 'em out for a free ten-day trial.



## After Hourz BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	3	3	3

### "Your Bard's Quest Software Technical Support BBS"

Nicely done screens and menus make After Hourz an interesting place to visit. This is also the home board for the game

**Telnet** ahbqs.com (204.134.204.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @ahbqs.com  
**Web** http://ahbqs.com  
**Email** ixoye@gcomm.com

**Location** Boise, ID, USA  
**Dial-Up** 208.345.6121

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Bard's Quest. Not much access for the wayward visitor, however. Be prepared to have a credit card on hand.

## Afterimage Information Matrix (A.I.M.)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	4	4	3

### "Call today and experience the difference!"

Beautiful ANSI menus make A.I.M. an eye-pleasing excursion. In addition to all the normal BBS features (games, three gigabytes of files, and chat), A.I.M. also focuses on the profes-

**Telnet** aim.novasys.com (204.178.181.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @aim.novasys.com  
**Web** http://nexxus.novasys.com  
**Email** epsilon@nexxus.novasys.com

**Location** Whippany, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 201.887.2020 201.765.9090  
201.882.9328

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

sional music industry. A.I.M. hosts MusiConnect, an electronic showcase of various artists, complete with online press-kits containing artist photos and biographies, and even digitized musical samples.

# Agora Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	3	2	3	4

Originally the "Bytes 'n Bits BBS" back in 1990, Agora has grown into a multifaceted BBS offering full Internet access. Gamers will love the Doom and Heretic game server, as well as the 50+ door-type games online. Over 100,000 general shareware files are online, with over 250 megabytes of new

**Telnet** BBS.agoron.com (206.181.233.104)  
**FTP** ftp.agoron.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.agoron.com>  
**Email** [marius@tao.agoron.com](mailto:marius@tao.agoron.com)  
[vincent@tao.agoron.com](mailto:vincent@tao.agoron.com)  
**Location** Bayonne, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 201.437.4355

**Software** PC Board  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** User's name  
**Access** General audiences

files each month. Several international message conferences are carried as well, including Fidonet. On the Internet side, Agora offers free Web pages, listservers, and shell accounts with membership.

## Aladdin's Palace BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	3	2	3	3

Tucked away in Victoria, British Columbia, AP features over 80 nodes with multiplayer games, international chat networks, and online shopping. A treasure trove of files fills this palace as well, with over twenty-four CDs online, including eight CDs of an adult nature. Several networked message networks are also featured, including Majornet and Fidonet.

**Telnet** aladdin.bc.ca (204.174.112.253)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://guild.bc.ca/top.html>  
**Email** [bguild@guild.bc.ca](mailto:bguild@guild.bc.ca)  
Victoria, BC, Canada  
**Location** 604.370.5267 604.370.2533  
**Dial-Up** 604.743.1683 604.748.7321

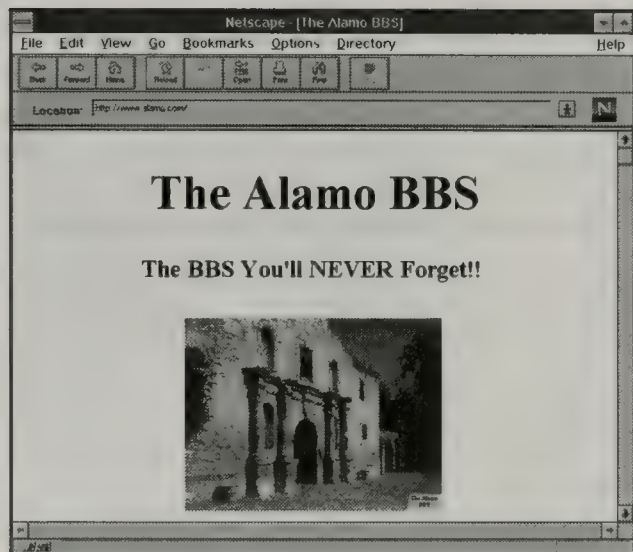
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 86  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

And you don't need a genie to get there.

*User Comment (jennifer@carriere.com):* "It has a lot to offer for a BBS and I like it a lot. Most of my friends go there too, so I can talk to the ones I don't see often. It just suits my tastes."



## The Alamo BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	4	3

### "The BBS you'll never forget"

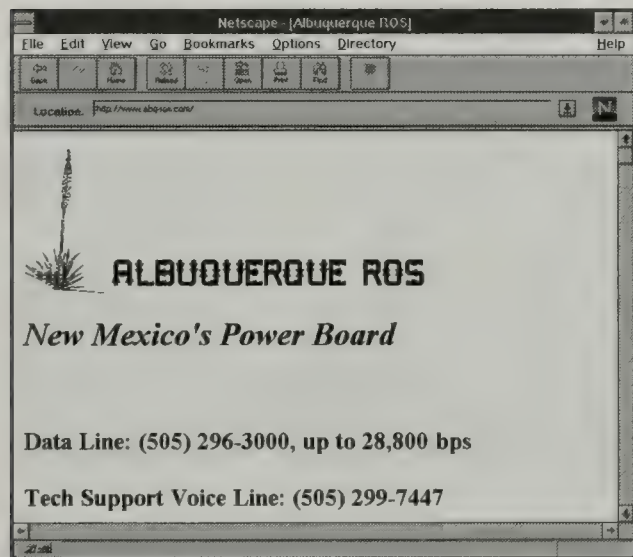
Mozy on down to Alamo, where the old West is alive and kicking (forget that the BBS is really in Virginia). You can actually feel the hot Mexican wind blow a little sand in your eyes. Hitch up your horse and stop by the Alamo's chat saloon for a cool one.

**Telnet** the.alamo.com (206.161.5.34)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.alamo.com  
**Email** thesentinel@the.alamo.com  
 Bonzo2@the.alamo.com  
**Location** Merrifield/Fairfax, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.934.4461 703.934.4462  
 703.934.4463 703.934.4464  
**Software** Worldgroup (MBBS)  
**Nodes** 28  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

It's not all just shoot'em ups in the Alamo's amply supplied game rooms, cause the red-light district is loaded with sixteen CDs of some of the naughtiest files this side of the Rio Grande (but yer gonna haf ta prove how old you are).

Remember the Alamo, pilgrim.

## Albuquerque ROS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	3	3	3

AR is a critically acclaimed online community (twice voted a top 10 Boardwatch BBS), with a *fast* T1 Internet connection. Almost 100,000 files online, with daily news, sports, and

**Telnet** abq-ros.com (204.68.29.244)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** abq-ros.com  
**Web** http://www.abq-ros.com  
**Email** sysop@abq-ros.com  
 sfox@abq-ros.com  
**Location** Albuquerque, NM, USA  
**Dial-Up** 505.296.3000  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New/real name  
**Access** General audiences

financial updates. These guys have been around since '84, so they know what their doing.



# Alice's Restaurant

## Alice's Restaurant BBS Home Page

Alice's Restaurant is an adult bulletin board service with a personal touch.

We are equipped with high speed 28.8 modems for direct modem connections and Telnet capability for easy connection directly through the Internet. We have a wide variety of adult oriented services available for whatever you might desire.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

**"An adult-oriented board with a personal touch"**

An Adult BBS in New York, Alice offers Web page space for paying members, chat rooms, forums, and adult oriented online

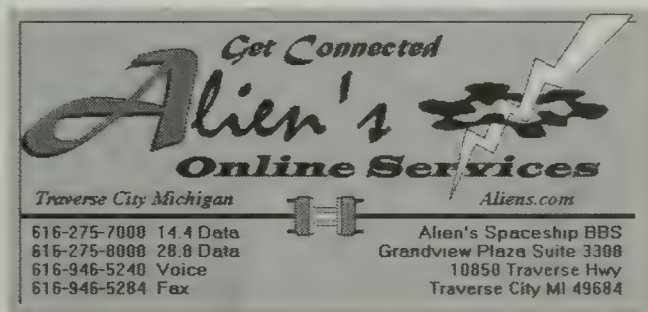
**Telnet** alices.com (204.183.186.69)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://alices.com/public/index.htm  
**Email** sysop@alices.com

**Location** Merrick, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.868.5683

**Software** Major BBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

games for a diverse experience. Thirteen CDs online packed with GIF, JPEG, and text files. Reasonable prices for men and free membership for women. Stop on by for a byte.

## Alien's SpaceShip BBS



Get Connected  
**Alien's**  
Online Services  
Traverse City Michigan  
616-275-7000 14.4 Data  
616-275-8000 28.8 Data  
616-946-5240 Voice  
616-946-5284 Fax  
Aliens.com  
Alien's Spaceship BBS  
Grandview Plaza Suite 3308  
10850 Traverse Hwy  
Traverse City MI 49684

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	4

Okay, this BBS isn't really run by aliens. In fact, this is full-featured BBS with fun for the whole family, featuring lots of games, files, and chat. Chat linkups are also featured using Interlink.

**Telnet** aliens.com (199.190.82.2)  
**FTP** mars.aliens.com  
**Finger** aliens.com  
**Web** http://aliens.com  
**Email** dave@aliens.com

**Location** Traverse City, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 616.275.7000 616.275.8000  
616.935.0263 616.256.2118

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

On the Internet side, home pages, and shell accounts are also offered.

Beam on over.

## The Alliance BBS



Welcome to: The Alliance BBS your gateway to information. The Alliance BBS is a BBS located in Oak View, CA, USA. Besides being a normal BBS, we offer some of our callers a special service called the FireFlyer Information Service.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	4	3	2

### "The Fire Fighters Online Resource"

Alliance is a specialized community, offering legislative, code development, prevention, training, and support information to

**Telnet** alliancebbs.com (205.254.255.17)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@alliancebbs.com (info)  
**Web** http://www.alliancebbs.com/index.htm  
**Email** sysrob@alliancebbs.com  
sysop@alliancebbs.com  
**Location** Oak View, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 805.649.9509

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

fire fighters and others in the fire prevention and training services. Also a normal BBS with all the usual stuff too.

Get a copy of their Worldgroup Windows client for the full effect.

## Alternate LifeStyles Internet MatchMaker



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	3	2	1

This is another one of those matchmaker systems geared entirely for meeting people, and in this case, those with alter-

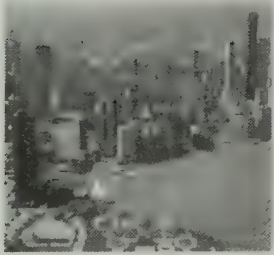
**Telnet** alt.email.net (204.181.110.4)  
**FTP** alt.email.net  
**Finger** alt.email.net  
**Web** http://www.alt.email.net  
**Email** MatchMaker@alt.email.net

**Location** Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 817.355.6600

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** alt  
**Access** Adults only

nate lifestyles. Just answer the 31 personal questions to get online, and maybe you'll meet the gal, guy, or "whatever" of your dreams.

# Amateur Erotica BBS of Chicago



## Welcome to Chicago's Amateur Erotica!

Internet IP: @205.164.6.170  
(312)506-8942

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	2	1	3	2

Looking for a unique, never-before-published, hard-to-find, nonprofessional, pictures of nekkid women? If not, you'd better try another BBS, cause that's about the only thing you'll find here on AEB in Chicago. Hundreds of new pics added every week.

**Telnet** (205.164.6.169)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mcs.net/~caebbs>  
**Email** [chicago@slip.net](mailto:chicago@slip.net)

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 312.849.0077

**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

AEB is an Excalibur BBS, requiring the Excalibur client for Internet access. A copy of the client can be had through AEB's Web site.

Clothing is completely optional.

# America's Suggestion Box



• *System Announcements and Help* •



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	3	3	3

Voted #8 in the 1994 Boardwatch Top 100 BBS Contest, ASB offers over fourteen gigabytes of quality software for the PC or Macintosh, the very best in multiplayer games, great

**Telnet** [asb.com](http://asb.com) (165.254.128.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.asb.com>  
**Email** [info@asb.com](mailto:info@asb.com)

**Location** Ronkonkoma, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.433.3521  
516.471.8625

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

online chat, and the latest breaking news from Associated Press. Users can also do some armchair shopping in ASB's Online Mall.



## Anaheim Hills Online

### ANAHEIM HILLS ONLINE

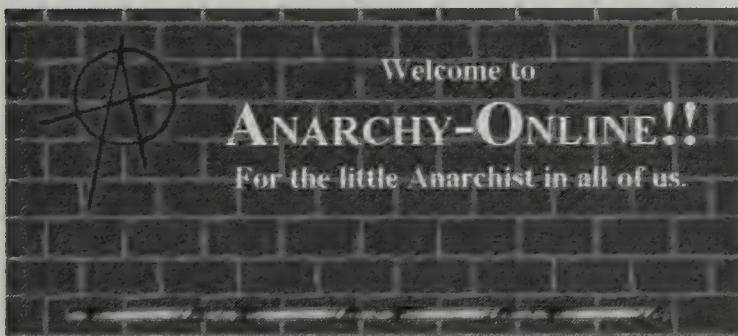
Anaheim Hills is a community within the city of Anaheim, California, U.S.A. Whether you live here or are just visiting, you will find information about events, people, shops, entertainment, traffic, weather, transportation and other community resources of Anaheim Hills. If you live or work in Anaheim Hills and have a web page, send e-mail to [steveg@aho.com](mailto:steveg@aho.com). I will place a link to you from this web site!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	2	4	3	2

#### "Anaheim Hill's Online Community"

If you plan to visit Anaheim Hills, this is the place to find how to get here, where to stay, where to eat, and what to tour! Find out all about your the local stores, businesses and community resources. If you like to travel by train, there is also extensive

## Anarchy Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	4	3	5	4	2

#### "For the little Anarchist in all of us"

With over one million pages of controversial information online, Anarchy may be one of the last remaining, true-blue hacker BBSs in existence. Most of these types of systems are underground, but not Anarchy. Fully Internet connected, Anarchy is a veritable haven for phreakers, survivalists, adventurers, investigators, ufo-ologists, terrorists, exiled dictators, certain

**Telnet** aho.com (199.89.140.114)  
**FTP** ftp.aho.com  
**Finger** finger.aho.com  
**Web** <http://www.aho.com>  
**Email** [sysop@aho.com](mailto:sysop@aho.com)  
[sysadmin@aho.com](mailto:sysadmin@aho.com)

**Location** Anaheim Hills, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** (Telnet only)

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 8

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

information about Amtrak located here. Additional information is provided at AH's Web site, including extensive photos relating to Anaheim Hills and Amtrak Travel.

Get on board for a complete tour of Anahiem Hills!

**Telnet** anarchy-online.com (199.1.91.250)

**FTP**

**Finger** [users@anarchy-online.com](mailto:users@anarchy-online.com)

**Web** <http://anarchy-online.com>

**Email** [sysop@anarchy-online.com](mailto:sysop@anarchy-online.com)  
[customer.service@anarchy-online.com](mailto:customer.service@anarchy-online.com)

**Location** Mesquite, TX, USA

**Dial-Up** 214.289.8328 214.289.4345  
214.289.1172 214.289.1179

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 20

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

members of the FBI, revolutionaries, and of course anarchists. Calling this information hard-to-find is, well...an understatement.

If you're really interested in the dangerous back-alley worlds of cyberspace, then check this place out...just do it very very carefully.

# Anarchy-X

## ANARCHY-X BBS

We have a BBS. It's cool. Here's how to login:

Call us at 619.264.8685 with your modem or  
Telnet to bbs.ax.com

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	3	2	5	4

"The Finest Entertainment Experience in San Diego!"

AX isn't one of the biggest systems on the Net, but it exemplifies what an Internet BBS can be: a true virtual community. Rated as #3 in the 1995 Internet Top20 contest, AX offers everything you can ask for in a BBS, and does it in quantity.

Incidentally, AX is also a full service ISP, complete with a SUN

**Telnet** BBS.ax.com (199.184.188.10)  
**FTP** ftp.ax.com  
**Finger** BBS.ax.com  
**Web** http://www.ax.com  
**Email** brian@ax.com info@ax.com

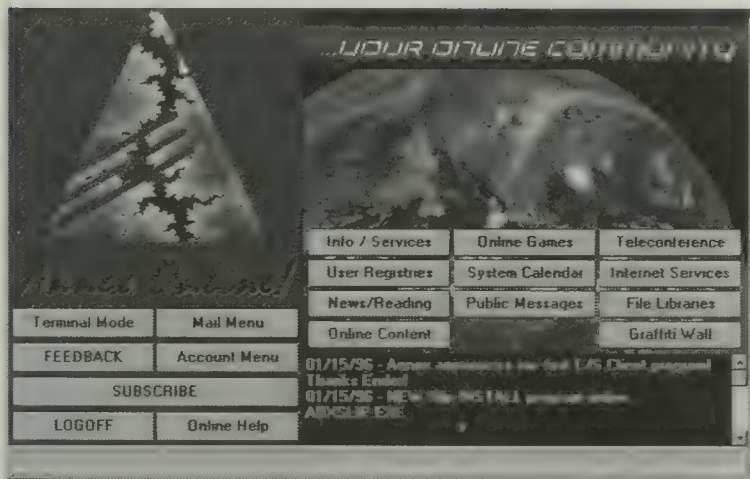
**Location** San Diego, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 619-264-8685

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 60  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

workstation on a T1 offering all the UNIX goodies to the tech-heads.

*User Comment (Jlasan@mindcrime.ax.com):* "Great Internet service at an affordable price, and a great sense of community. One to two hundred people show up for the weekly meets and the support a literary magazine made up of poetry and prose. Also, I met my fiance on AX."

## The Annex!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	4	3

"Without Annex, you might as well live on the moon"

The Annex describes itself as "A large multipurpose entertainment and information center," which it certainly is at over 100 nodes. The Annex is also a real online community that members consider home; and they get together often offline as well.

**Telnet** annex.com (204.74.67.1)  
**FTP** ftp.annex.com  
**Finger** BBS.annex.com  
**Web** http://www.annex.com  
**Email** ggooden@annex.com

**Location** Van Nuys, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 818.779.5600  
818.779.5646

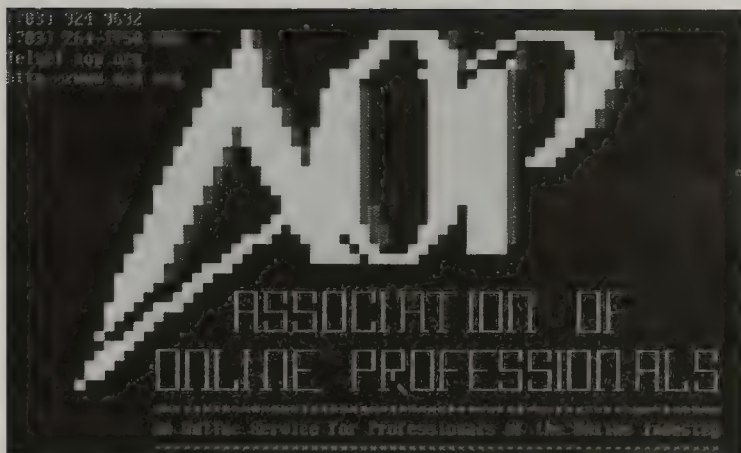
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 104  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

A great selection of online games and files is also featured. Annex is also the support board for Annex software, producers of BBS add-ons for MBBS/Worldgroup.

Be sure to try out their spiffy Worldgroup Windows-based client for the complete experience.



## AOP BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	3	4	3	1

### "The Association of Online Professionals"

AOP BBS is the support board for the Association of Online Professionals, a organization designed for the online service operator—from the biggest online services, like AOL and MSN, to the smallest one-line BBS. AOP provides a wealth of

**Telnet** aop.org (198.232.144.101)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**

**Location** VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.264.1750

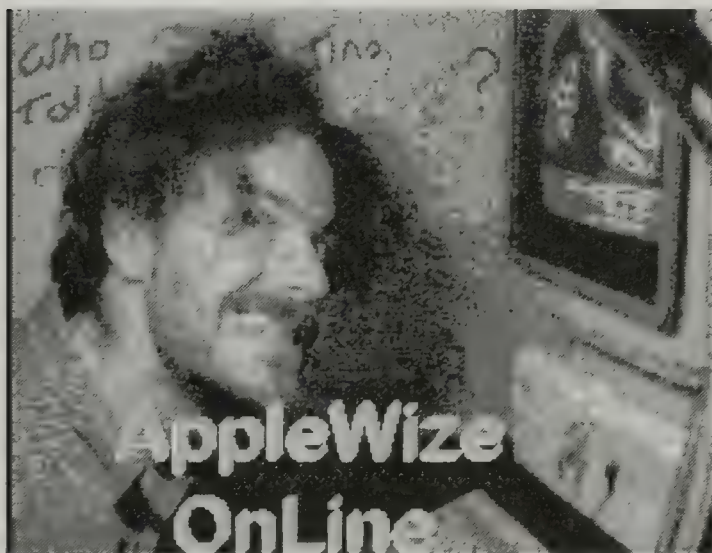
**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes**

**Pay** No  
**Login** Signup  
**Access** General audiences

financial and legal information for both the experienced sysop and the sysop wannabe. These guys also lobby state and national politicians so that the Internet doesn't become mired in suffocating regulation.

You're not really a sysop unless you are an AOP member :).

## AppleWize OnLine



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	1	3	3

Multiplayer games and networked chat are among the features you'll find on Applewize in Bronxville, NY. Six CDs are also

**Telnet** applewize.com (206.181.98.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@applewize.com  
**Web** http://applewize.com  
**Email** sysop@applewize.com

**Location** Bronxville, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 914.793.5060

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 14

**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

online with a bunch of choice files, including support for the Apple Macintosh.

Visit their Web site for a very strange picture of the sysop.



# Aquarius BBS

**AQUARIUS BBS is now part of GoldenGate Internet Services!**

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	1	3	2

Running a Preview version of Wildcat!, the new Annihilator Windows-based client, Aquarius offers dozens of door games

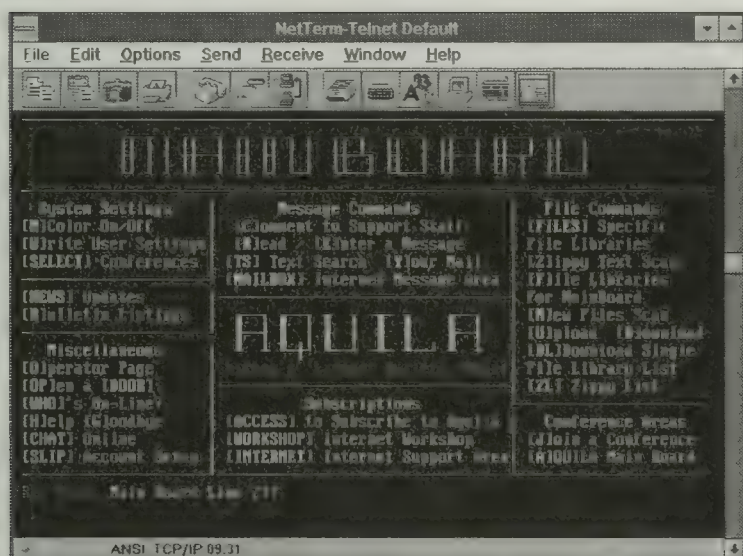
**Telnet** BBS.goldengate.net (206.8.8.6)  
**FTP** BBS.goldengate.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.goldengate.net/mall/aquarius>  
**Email** timmc@goldengate.net

**Location** Fridley, MN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 612.574.0496

**Software** Wildcat! Annihilator  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

and gigabytes of shareware files and message sections. They also feature a telnetable VGA Planets game free to all visitors.

# Aquila BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	4	4	1	4	4

## "Chicago's Largest BBS"

Since 1987, Aquila has been serving the Chicago area with a large selection of files (over nine gigabytes), and a wealth of online zines (*USAToday*, *Decisionline*, and *Boardwatch*).

**Telnet** aquila.com (204.95.88.5)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.aquila.com>  
**Email**

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 708.820.8344

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 42  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login**  
**Access** General audiences

Almost 3,000 echoed forums (Fido, Rime, Usenet, and ProNet) too. Aquila is also a full-featured ISP offering ISDN services.

Stop by for some free demo time.

## Argus Online

### Dallas/Fort Worth's



### Premier Worldgroup System!

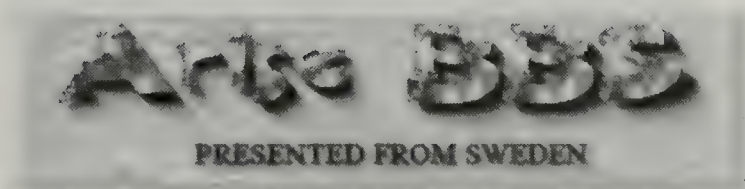
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	2

Interactive entertainment for adults 18 and over, including hot chat, multiplayer games, message conferences, and a nice collection of shareware.

**Telnet** argusbbs.com (204.255.103.222)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://argusbbs.com>  
**Email** Chant@argusbbs.com

**Location** Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 214.434.4029  
817.481.0097  
**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 43  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

## Arise BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	2	3	3

Sweden's first Excalibur Internet BBS has just opened its doors to the whole world. Previously a members-only BBS, Arise is now open for all. Nice selection of WAV sound files.

**Telnet** (194.17.237.123)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.ans.se/BBS/>  
**Email** wonker@ans.se

**Location** Mölndal, Sweden  
**Dial-Up** 270650

**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

BTW, English is spoken :^).

# Arizona InterActive Systems



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	2	2	4

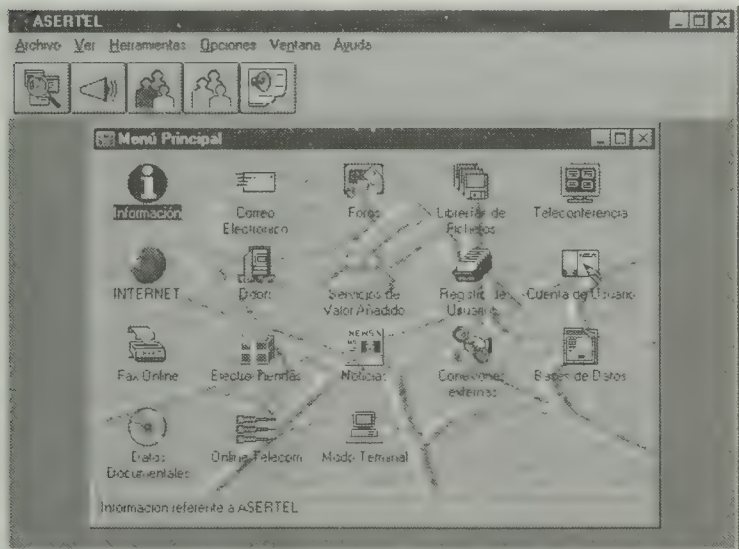
AIS is primarily an Arizona Internet provider, but also offers online chat, some files, and Internet tech support on the BBS.

**Telnet** azi.com (199.190.114.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://azi.com  
**Email** night@pinn.com

**Location** AZ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 602.951.8379

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## ASERTEL Servicios Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	4

### “Where Spanish people can connect on the Internet”

Coming out of Barcelona, Spain, Asertel offers a free onramp to the Internet, and lots of spanish-speaking interaction. Actually, Asertel is multilingual, offering Spanish, English, and Catalan.

**Telnet** hermes.asertel.es (194.140.141.5)  
**FTP** hermes.asertel.es  
**Finger** hermes.asertel.es  
**Web** http://www.asertel.es  
**Email** Sysop@hermes.asertel.es  
 Santi@karnak.asertel.es

**Location** Barcelona, Spain  
**Dial-Up** +34 3 2804525

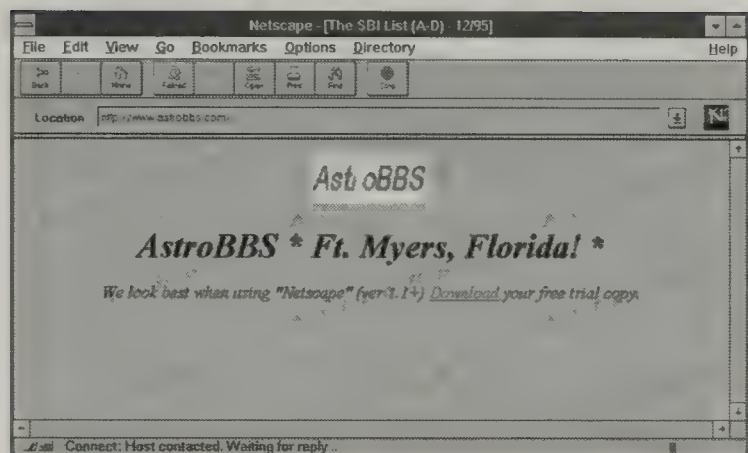
**Software** Worldgroup V1.01  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Full Internet services, games, files, and chat are among the offerings. Drop on by for a little taste of Spanish hospitality!

*Santiago Mu, sysop:* “A BBS is like a city, a town, or a house. On BBSs, Internet users can interact with each other. Web pages are too anonymous.”



## Astro Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	3	3	4	3

### "A Complete One-Stop for SouthWest Florida's Communication Needs"

Astro packs a big punch with over 40 real-time multiplayer games, plenty of news and zines, and 18 online CDs. They even offer a free wakeup service to members. Full FidoNet,

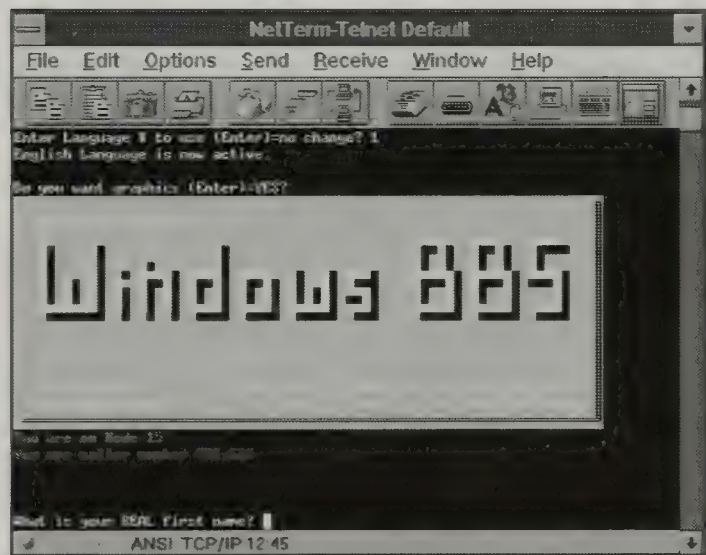
**Telnet** astonline.com (205.245.9.224)  
**FTP** iczer1@usacomputers.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://astonline.com  
**Email** rsherwyn@astonline.com  
 tkinnen@astonline.com  
**Location** Fort Myers, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 941.939.3009

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 18  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Usenet, and TrekNet message feed. Up-to-the-minute weather forecasts for any city in the US too. Full T1 network connection for *fast* access.

Free demo access to all telnetters.

## The Atlanta Windows BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	4	3	2	3	3

### "The largest Windows and OS/2 specific BBS in the Southeast"

Ranked as a top 100 BBS in the 1994 Boardwatch poll, the Atlanta Windows BBS offers over six gigabytes of Windows

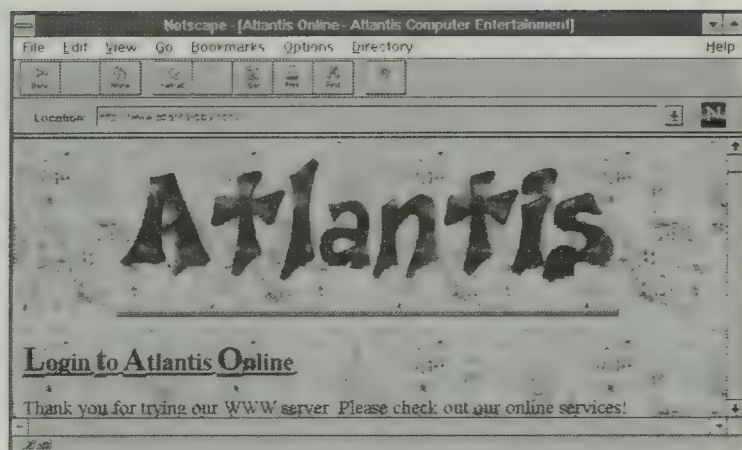
**Telnet** BBS.atlwin.com (155.229.44.2)  
**FTP** orion.atlwin.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.atlwin.com  
**Email** wroyal@atlwin.com  
 wroyal@jake.altwin.com  
**Location** Woodstock, GA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 404.516.0048

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 21  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

and OS/2 shareware and several international message echoes (Rime and Usenet). A mouser's haven for sure.

*User Comment (clay@vivid.net):* "Any time I need information about Windows I can always find it here."

## Atlantis BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	3	3

Atlantis is a full featured BBS, with a heavy emphasis on games. Atlantis features over 30 of the best multiplayer games around, Game Connect for Doom and Heretic support, and

**Telnet** atlantis-BBS.com (199.4.124.69)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.atlantis-BBS.com>  
**Email**

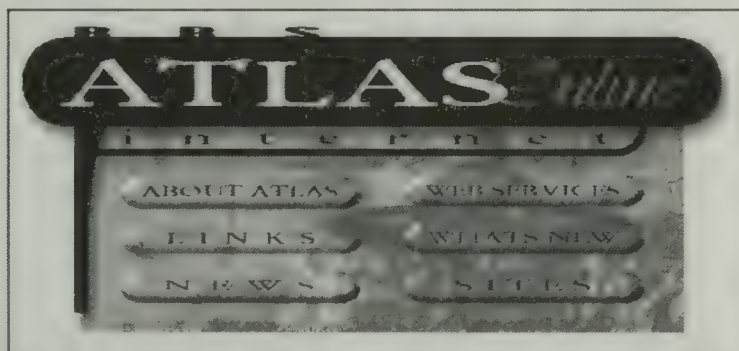
**Location** San Jose, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 408.377.8510  
 415.961.7234

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

even a separate server for over twenty-five additional door-type games. Indeed, this is a very serious gamers' system.

Eighteen CDs full of files are online also to give you something to do between battles.

## Atlas BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	2

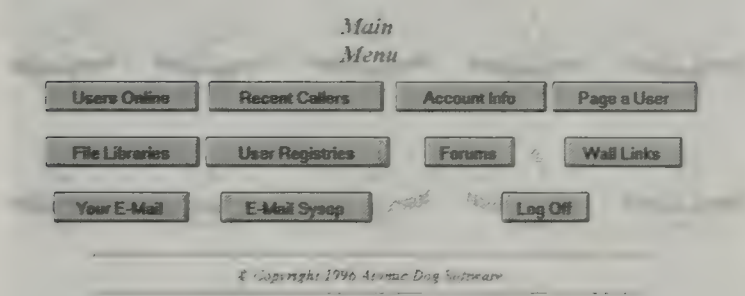
Online games, such as Trade Wars and multiplayer Doom, and an active chat area are the mainstay for this chat/game system.

**Telnet** gilroy.com (204.189.37.1)  
**FTP** gilroy.com  
**Finger** gilroy.com  
**Web** <http://gilroy.com>  
**Email** sysop@gilroy.com  
 pete@gilroy.com

**Location** Gilroy, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 408.847.5202

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Atomic Dog BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	3	2

### "Home of Atomic Dog Software"

AD's primary focus is on on games and chat, but twelve CDs of files are also online for the file hounds. Great place to get

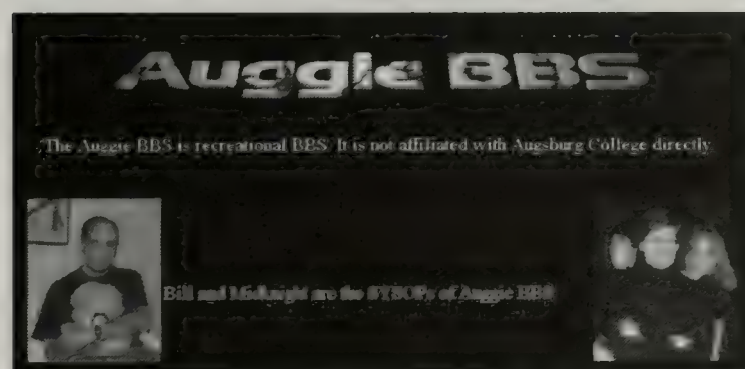
**Telnet** atomicdog.com (204.96.41.34)  
**FTP** atomicdog.com  
**Finger** atomicdog.com  
**Web** http://atomicdog.com  
**Email** sysop@atomicdog.com

**Location** Stoneham, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 617.279.3561

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the latest AD software for Windows and Windows 95, including BarClock.

## Auggie BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	4	1	4	1	2	1

Located at Augsburg College (but run by private individuals not associated with the school), Auggie is a big-time chat/message system with discussions ranging from computer to sports.

**Telnet** BBS.augsburg.edu (141.224.128.4)  
**FTP** BBS.augsburg.edu  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://aug3.augsburg.edu/auggie\_bbs/auggie.html  
**Email** schwartz@aug3.augsburg.edu

**Location** Minneapolis, MN, USA  
**Dial-Up**

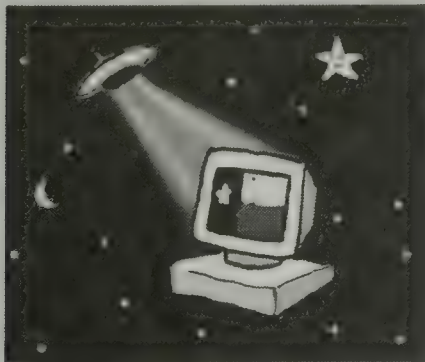
**Software** EBBS 3.1  
**Nodes** 70  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

Very lively online community, free to all travelers!



## Austin Clubhouse BBS

### AUSTIN CLUBHOUSE BBS



**The Friendliest BBS in CYBERSPACE!**

(512) 302-0675

telnet: Club.fc.net

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	1	3	3

#### "The fastest growing BBS in Austin TX"

Since first going online in 1994, these guys down in Texas has been having a blast! The Clubhouse is one of those match-maker type systems where you have to answer a whole bunch of online questions to get going, but then you'll be able to find other users of this adult community with similar interests. If

**Telnet** club.fc.net (198.6.198.98)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://club.fc.net>

**Email** [MANAGER@Clubhouse.email.net](mailto:MANAGER@Clubhouse.email.net)

**Location** Austin, TX, USA

**Dial-Up** 512.302.0675

**Software** Custom from Bodedo

**Nodes** 104

**Pay** Yes

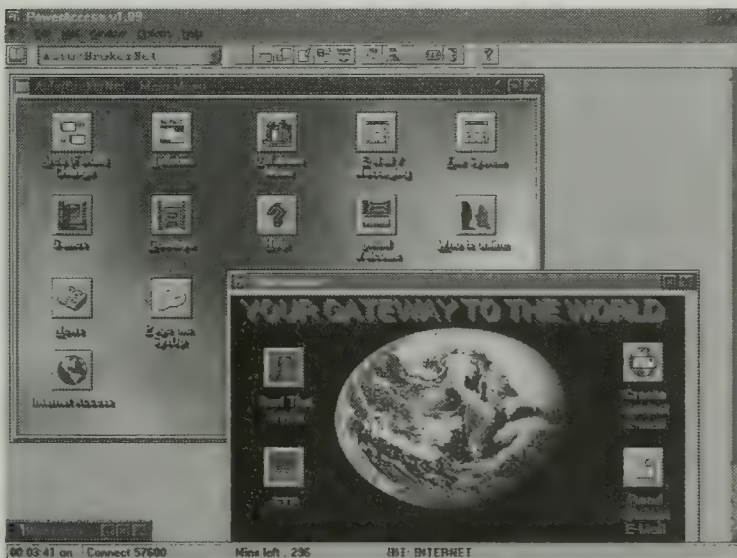
**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

you're looking to make a few friends online, the Clubhouse is definitely worth the visit.

*User Comment (walker@intur.net):* "All the people online—users and sysops alike—are extremely friendly and helpful. The general atmosphere is very laid back and friendly."

## Auto/BrokerNet



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	3

#### "Home Of The Worlds Finest Automobiles And Real Estate"

You won't find high pressure used-car salesmen on AB, but you will find a lot of cool cars to buy, complete with full color pictures, and even sound clips (brummm!). Already have a nice

**Telnet** BBS.autobroker.net (204.140.220.128)

**FTP** 204.140.220.128

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.autobroker.net>

**Email** [jyardum@autobroker.net](mailto:jyardum@autobroker.net)

**Location** Sherman Oaks, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 818.788.3260

**Software** PowerBBS

**Nodes** 16

**Pay** Optional

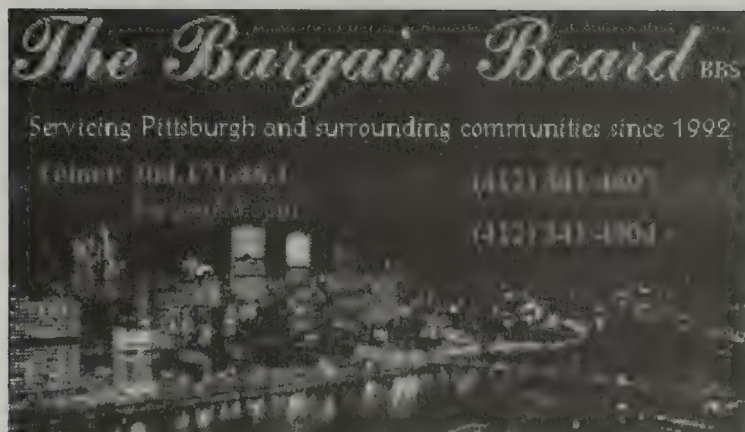
**Login** Guest/user's name

**Access** General audiences

car? Well, how about a new house or piece of investment real estate?

Free private-party ad space is also available. Anyone can check out this site...buy a new car or house...free for 20 minutes a day.

## Bargain Board



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

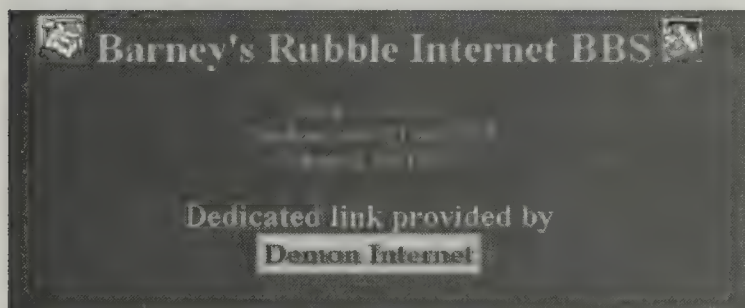
### "Such a bargain"

Tenty-four nodes of family-oriented fun coming out of Pittsburgh, complete with a good selection of online games, chat, and files.

**Telnet** Bargainbd.com (204.171.48.6)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://bargainbd.com>  
**Email** sysop@bargainbd.com  
 Floater@bargainbd.com  
**Location** Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 412.341.3602  
 412.341.4904  
**Software** Majorbbs  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

At only \$35 a year, it really is a bargain.

## Barney's Rubble



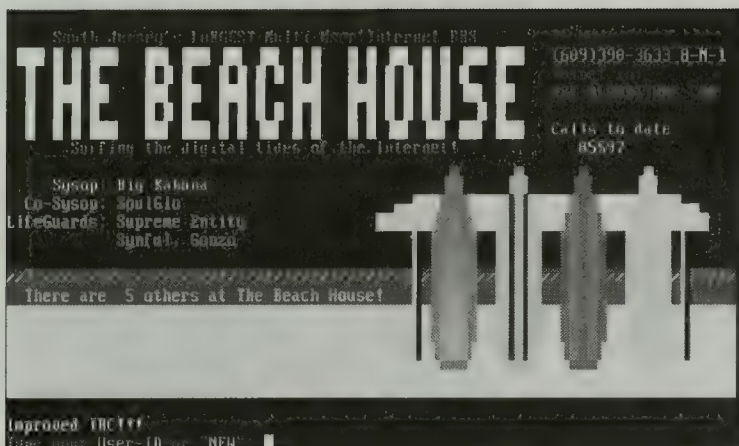
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	3	1	2	2

One of the few BBSs on the Internet running Maximus BBS software. The interface is kind of plain, but they do feature a full FidoNet feed.

**Telnet** rubble.fidouk.org (194.70.36.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**  
**Location** United Kingdom  
**Dial-Up**  
**Software** Maximus  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login**  
**Access** General audiences



## Beach House



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	3	1	3	3

### "The Jersey Shore's largest multiuser Internet BBS"

They say that the salt water on New Jersey's south shore makes people a little crazy... Well, drop on by the Beach House and see for yourself. Several hot online games like Telearena

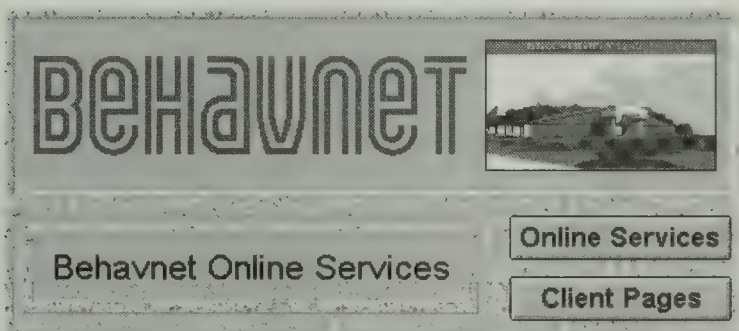
**Telnet** asi.algorithms.com (167.152.156.251)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** asi.algorithms.com  
**Web** http://asi.algorithms.com  
**Email** sysop@asi.algorithms.com  
soulglo@asi.algorithms.com  
**Location** Ocean City, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 609.390.3633

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and Global Destruction, as well as an active chat area, keep these Jersey loons busy.

Autovalidations via email for telnetters so you can get a peek without waiting.

## The Behavioral Health Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	2	4	3	3

Behavnet is primarily for behavioral health professionals (psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, etc.) and for managed care companies. They are also developing a unique online community called HomeTownNet.

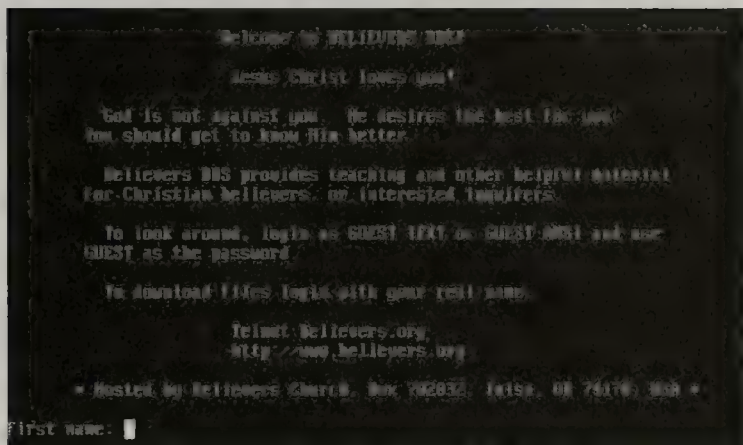
**Telnet** behavnet.com (199.3.67.253)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://behavnet.com  
**Email** jieglen@behavnet.com  
jlanter@behavnet.com  
**Location** Terre Haute, IN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 812.232.4089

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

If you're a behavioral health care worker, you'd be crazy not to try this system out.



## Believers BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	1	2	1	1

### "Proclaiming that Jesus Christ loves you more than you love yourself"

This rather plain BBS preaches to its users at every opportunity, acting as an electronic pulpit for an organization called

**Telnet** believers.org (205.186.137.49)  
**FTP** believers.org  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.believers.org  
**Email** sysop@believers.org

**Location** Tulsa, OK, USA  
**Dial-Up** 918.488.8427

#### Software

##### Nodes

**Pay** No

**Login** Guest

**Access** General audiences

The Believers Church. There is very little available on this system beyond basic church information.

Unless you're looking for a new religion, this is one you'd best avoid.

## BHNET



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	2	3	1	2	3

### "BBS, Internet, Brazil!"

Then check out this wild, Portuguese-speaking system out of Brazil.

**Telnet** bhnet.com.br (200.251.222.33)  
**FTP** ftp.bhnet.com.br  
**Finger** http://www.bhnet.com.br/online.cgi  
**Web** http://www.bhnet.com.br  
**Email** jorge@pop.bhnet.com.br  
 jorge@bhnet.com.br

**Location** Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil  
**Dial-Up** 55.31.281.1133  
 55.31.281.4500

**Software** RemoteAccess PRO

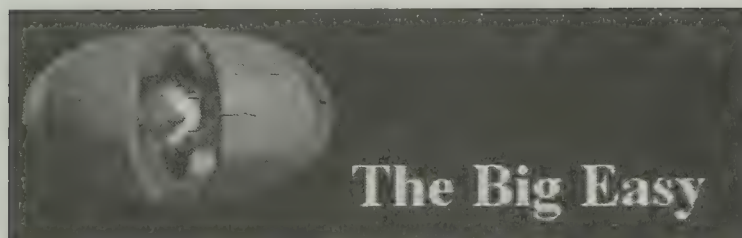
**Nodes** 70

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

# The Big Easy



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

## "The Internet Access MegaPlex for New Orleans"

The Big Easy, nestled down in Cajun country, is in the heart of New Orleans. Twenty-four-hour international chat linkups (Interlink), and lots of friendly Cajuns means you'll always have someone to talk to at the Big Easy. They also offer terminal

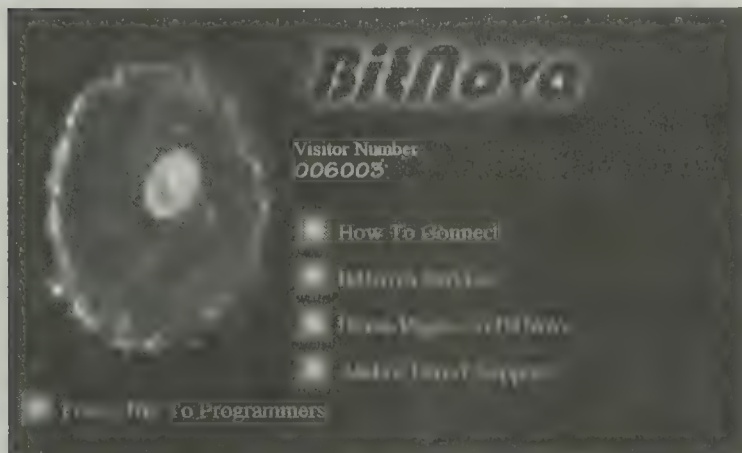
**Telnet** bigeasy.com (204.251.2.10)  
**FTP** ftp.bigeasy.com  
**Finger** @bigeasy.com  
**Web** http://www.bigeasy.com  
**Email** sysop@bigeasy.com  
root@betty.bigeasy.com  
**Location** New Orleans, LA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 504.821.2700

**Software** Worldgroup/UNIX  
**Nodes** 64  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

access at selected French Quarter nightclubs, such as Hula Mae's Tropic Wash and Beach Cafe. Ready for a little Mardi Gras, online?

*User Comment (gladys@betty.bigeasy.com):* "Unlimited access for one flat price."

# BitNova



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	3	3	4

## "Home of 'Author Direct Support'"

Sure, lots of BBSs offer online files, but how many help put you in touch with the software authors for immediately online support? BitNova also has a generous helping of family-

**Telnet** bitnova.com (205.162.62.3)  
**FTP** ftp.bitnova.com  
**Finger** bitnova.com  
**Web** http://www.bitnova.com  
**Email** jack@bitnova.com  
sysop@bitnova.com  
**Location** Hayward, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.581.0600

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

oriented entertainment including online games, forums, and chat. Hourly news and weather updates keep you informed as well.

Stop by for a free look around.

# Black Gold BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	4	4	3	3	3

## "The Largest BBS in Oklahoma"

BG had humble beginnings, starting back in 1981 as an RBBS system with only 30 megabytes of files. BG now features over 40 gigabytes of files, thousands of networked conferences, and supports multiplayer Doom on their APCI game server. There's quite a bit of information available as well, with a sports news feed updated hourly, and even a local TV Guide

# Blitzkrieg Information BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	3	1	3	3

## "Fast Rapid Attack of Information"

Started only in 1995, Blitz has grown quickly into a full-featured online community offering twenty-four-hour chat link-

**Telnet** bgbbs.com (198.65.131.18)  
**FTP** bgbbs.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://bgbbbs.com  
**Email** sysop@bgbbbs.com

**Location** Tulsa, OK, USA  
**Dial-Up** 918.272.7779 918.272.6734  
918.272.3910 918.272.0579  
**Software** PCB 15.22/100  
**Nodes** 28  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

online. Over 100 door games are also featured just in case you need a distraction from the ten to twenty megabytes of new shareware files uploaded daily.

There really is gold in this here BBS.

*User Comment (ghowie@nti.net):* "I like BG because it's not stuck up. Very friendly people and interface."

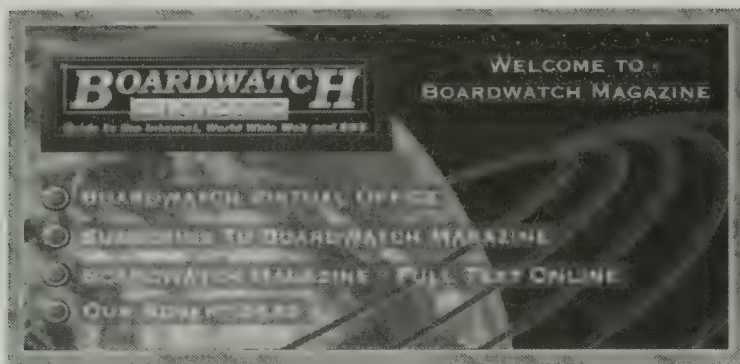
**Telnet** blitzinfo.com (199.190.90.2)  
**FTP** ftp.blitzinfo.com  
**Finger** blitzinfo.com  
**Web** http://www.blitzinfo.com/  
**Email** sysop@blitzinfo.com

**Location** Corvallis, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 503.758.5448 503.758.4230  
503.758.4243 503.758.4315  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ups, multiplayer Doom, and over six gigabytes of files. Lots of serious gamers too for L.O.R.D. and Trade Wars. Something new is added each month.



# Boardwatch Magazine BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	3	4	3	1

## "Boardwatch Magazine Online Edition"

BM is the official BBS of *Boardwatch Magazine*, which covers the online world, including the World Wide Web and BBSs. BM also carries a lot of BBS lists from around the world, and its the *only* place on the net where you can talk directly to Jack Rickard, BM's editor, who provides the primary source of entertainment on this system.

## Boston Dungeon Society

*Welcome to*

### The Boston Dungeon Society

Our vision for BDS is for it to be THE place in New England where like-minded people can connect, interact, socialize, learn and foster community.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	2	3	3	3	2

## "The Dungeon awaits"

Located in very conservative Boston, the BD society offers a lot of flavor and information for those looking for a little domination in their sex lives. Whether you socialize in their Kink-

**Telnet** boardwatch.com (204.144.169.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.boardwatch.com>  
**Email**

**Location** CO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 303.973.4222

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

The Boardwatch Web site is also worth a visit, featuring a searchable index of Internet providers throughout the US.

*User Comment (rarcher4@delphi.com):* "Curious to see what's going to happen to Delphi when they switch to MCI/News Corp. Boardwatch will probably be the first to know!"

**Telnet** bdsbbs.com (203.119.103.1)  
**FTP** bdsbbs.com  
**Finger** @bdsbbs.com  
**Web** <http://www.bdsbbs.com>  
**Email** Libby@bdsbbs.com  
Libby-do@msn.com

**Location** Boston, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 617.397.8844

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 45  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Link chat dungeon, or attend a weekly bondage seminar, BD won't disappoint those of this particular interest area.

Don't forget to drop in on this month's Cyber Hottub forum topic, "Collars: what do they mean?" (Really, I'm not making this up!)

# Bound for Pleasure BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	3	3	3	3

## "Ranked #3 in the Top Ten Adult BBS List"

BFP was started in 1992 for people sharing interests in B/D, D/S, and S/M with a way to share their interests both online and offline. What do all these anacronyms mean? Well, let's just say that if your fetish doesn't lean towards whips, leather, and chains, this isn't your kind of cyber community.

**Telnet** bfp.com (205.247.33.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.bfp.com  
**Email** heather@bfp.com

**Location** Cambridge, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 617.374.9255

**Software** The Major/Galacticomm  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

BFP offers a wealth of information about alternative lifestyles, with message forums covering such diverse topics as Japanese rope bondage, body scarification, and the fine art of spanking. A unique collection (really, really unique) of picture files are also available to members.

If this is your fetish, then telnet over right now. Don't make me tell you twice.

# The Brewers' Witch BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	4	3	4	3

## "The largest Pagan-oriented BBS in the State of Texas"

Did I hear you were a pagan? Practitioner of a little Magick? Well, even a witch or warlock needs a place to call home in cyberland, and the BW BBS provides a friendly magical haven for pagans throughout the world (and beyond).

**Telnet** brewich.com (198.65.131.225)  
**FTP** ftp.brewich.com  
**Finger** brewich.com  
**Web** http://www.brewich.com  
**Email** donal@brewich.com

**Location** Houston, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 713.272.7350

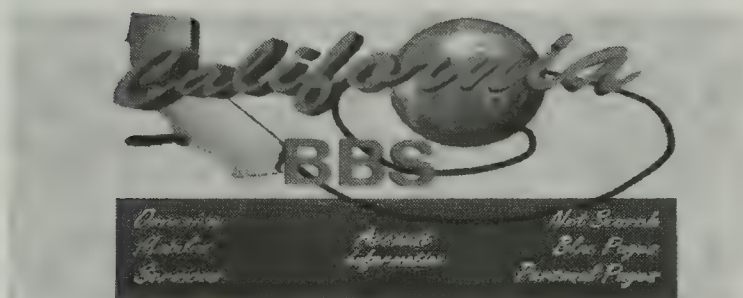
**Software** Waffle/UNIX  
**Nodes** 3  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Special Internet message forums include PODnet, MageNet, NuitNet, SkyNet, and MagickNet, as well as over 500 megabytes of regular and not-so-regular files.

Visitors get 30 days of free trial time, and a chance to meet a truly unique group of interesting individuals.



## California BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "Providing Inexpensive Entertainment Services and Internet to our Community"

About 50 miles north of Santa Barbara, CA BBS offers a tidy file area, great chat, and a few exceptional games like Major-

**Telnet** calbbs.com (198.68.158.3)  
**FTP** wasteland.calbbs.com  
**Finger** calbbs.com  
**Web** <http://www.calbbs.com/>  
**Email** sysop@calbbs.com

**Location** Lompoc, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 805.733.7131 805.733.7146  
805.733.7145 805.733.7147  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 36  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Mud and Trade Wars. CA also runs their own MOO (fantasy role-playing game) called Digital Wasteland (free at [wasteland.calbbs.com](http://wasteland.calbbs.com) port:8888).

## The Canton Connection BBS

### Welcome to The Canton Connection BBS!

We are located in Canton, Ohio, the Pro-Football Hall of Fame city.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame"

The Canton Connection in Ohio is a very interactive online community offering lots of online multiplayer games, hot chat, and plenty of fun. Free access on your first call!

**Telnet** tccbbs.com (199.18.245.39)  
**FTP** tccbbs.com  
**Finger** sysop@tccbbs.com  
**Web** <http://tccbbs.com>  
**Email** sysop@tccbbs.com

**Location** Canton, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 216.455.3848

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences



## Capital City Cyberlink



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	3	3	3

### "A Unique Stop in Cyberspace"

CCC is known for their friendly users and knowledgeable sysops. CCC is linked 24 hours to the Chatlink network, and runs a variety of great games, many with real prizes. Online news and magazines updated regularly too.

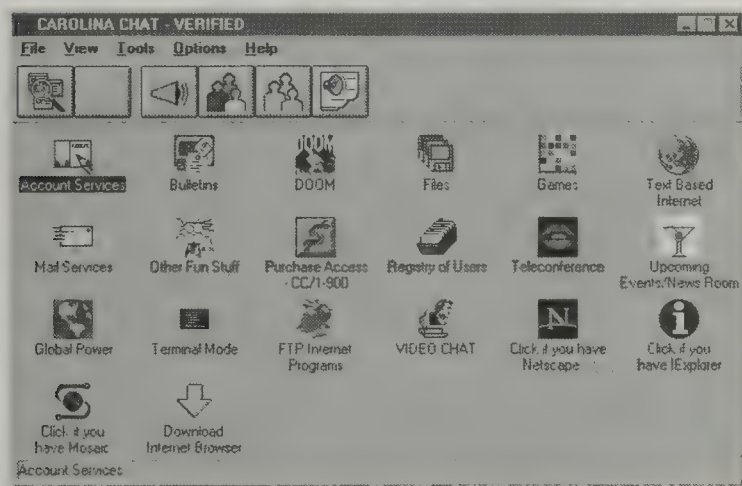
**Telnet** DClint.com (206.136.82.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.dclink.com/tbdhome.html>  
**Email** [swish@dclink.com](mailto:swish@dclink.com)  
[sysop@dclink.com](mailto:sysop@dclink.com)  
**Location** Washington, DC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 202.635.1755

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

CCC is a member of the BBS Alliance, which gives CCC users free access to dozens of other Internet-connected BBSs.

Give them a try for seven days of free access.

## Carolina Chat, Inc.



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	3	1	3	3

CC is an adult chat/game community featuring a slew of great games (including TeleArena and online Doom), and very active chat area. CC also features twenty-one CDs with over

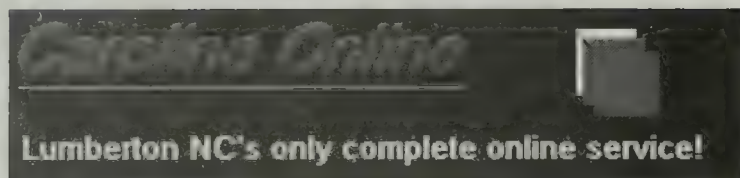
**Telnet** carolina-chat.com (205.148.236.2)  
**FTP** 205.148.236.2  
**Finger** carolina-chat.com  
**Web** <http://carolina-chat.com>  
**Email** [sysop@carolina-chat.com](mailto:sysop@carolina-chat.com)

**Location** North Chareleston, SC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 803.764.2428

**Software** MajorBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 88  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

100,000 files of all types, and over 1,000 message areas. All for just \$0.25 per hour.

## Carolina Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	2	1	3	3

### "A Total Online Service"

CO offers plenty of features for both the casual and business user. For fun, CO is connected to *three* chat networks twenty-four hours a day and offers online multiplayer Doom and

**Telnet** nconline.com (204.215.211.4)  
**FTP** unix.nconline.com  
**Finger** info@nconline.com  
**Web** http://www.nconline.com  
**Email** sysop@nconline.com  
vertical@nconline.com

**Location** Lumberton, NC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 910.671.0352 910.844.6042  
910.843.1947

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Hexen. For the business user they offer Web space and full Internet access.

Don't forget to try out their Worldgroup Windows-based client for the true multitasking experience. Less than 50 bucks for a year's access.

## Castle Holt BBS

### Castle Holt BBS on the Web!



*Experience the Magic...*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	4	3

### "Your Fantasy Castle on the Net"

A fantasy BBS specializing in online entertainment. Chat, games, files, and adult areas. If you're a VGA Planets game enthusiast, they also run a game hub for players.

**Telnet** castleholt.com (199.0.62.176)  
**FTP** castleholt.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://castleholt.com  
**Email** sysop@castleholt.com

**Location** Indianapolis, IN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 317.571.1980

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Catania On Line



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Your connection to Italy"

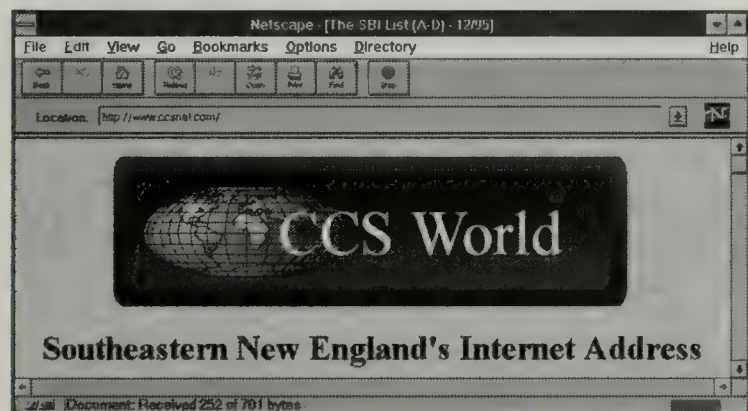
Italian Internet provider also featuring a selection of shareware files and Game Connect (Doom online).

**Telnet** ctonline.it (151.99.143.3)  
**FTP** ctonline.it  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.ctonline.it>  
**Email** [carlo@ctonline.it](mailto:carlo@ctonline.it)  
[sysop@ctonline.it](mailto:sysop@ctonline.it)  
**Location** Catania, IT, Italy  
**Dial-Up** ++3995387233

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Even when you choose the English option, you still get everything in Italian, so if you're not up on Italian...

## CCS World



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Cape Cod's Internet Address"

CCS (Custom Computing Services) offers online multiplayer games, networked chat, and over twelve gigabytes of shareware files right there on historic Cape Cod. CCS is also a full

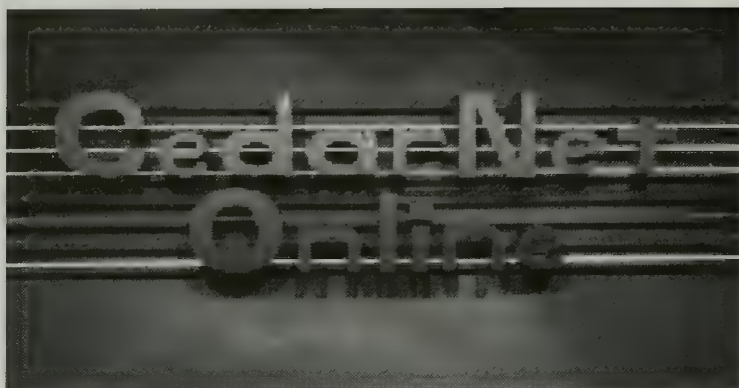
**Telnet** ccsnet.com (199.172.47.2)  
**FTP** [dtp.ccsnet.com](ftp://dtp.ccsnet.com)  
**Finger** [info@ccsnet.com](mailto:info@ccsnet.com) or [sales@ccsnet.com](mailto:sales@ccsnet.com)  
**Web** <http://www.ccsnet.com>  
**Email** [sysop@ccsnet.com](mailto:sysop@ccsnet.com)  
[sales@ccsnet.com](mailto:sales@ccsnet.com)  
**Location** Cape Cod, Mashpee, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 508.477.8211 508.477.8226  
508.790.5789 508.240.1280  
**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 256  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Internet service provider, offering Web space for users and businesses.

CCS can be accessed by telnet or directly on the Web using any browser, such as Netscape or Explorer. Try 'em out for one week free.



## CedarNet Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

Located in Cedar Rapid Iowa, CedarNet offers a nice selection of online activities, including multiplayer Doom and chat.

Free access to telnetters if you send them a postcard (quality and uniqueness counts) from your location. If you tell them

**Telnet** BBS.cedarnet.com (205.148.200.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** BBS.cedarnet.com  
**Web** <http://www.cedarnet.com/BBS>  
**Email** sysop@cedarnet.com  
lordgrey@cedarnet.com  
**Location** Cedar Rapids, IA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 319.396.0817

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

about where you're from and who you are, you'll get more time online.

*User Comment (tazdevil@cedarnet.com):* "I enjoy the friendliness of the staff and users and all of the enhancements that the sysop keeps adding to the BBS...Top notch!"

## Cetys BBS



**CETYS**  
UNIVERSIDAD

**CENTRO DE ENSEÑANZA  
TÉCNICA Y SUPERIOR**  
UNIDAD MEXICALI

Bienvenido a los servicios en el World Wide Web del  
Cetys Universidad, unidad Mexicali.

Este servidor se encuentra localizado en la ciudad de  
Mexicali, Baja California, México.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	0	3	2	2	2

Spanish-speaking BBS (with some English) run out of the Cetys University in Mexicali Mexico. The main features of this

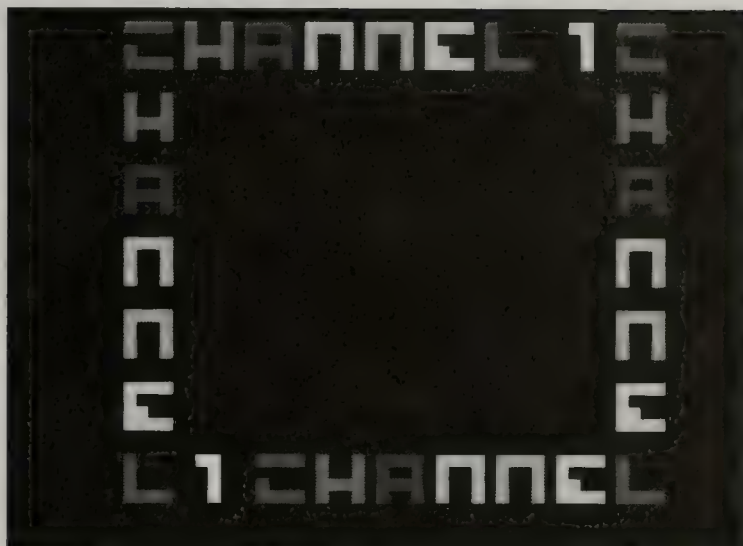
**Telnet** cetysbbs.mx1.cetys.mx (158.122.1.9)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mx1.cetys.mx>  
**Email**

**Location** Mexicali, Mexico  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

south-of-the-border community are stimulating bilingual online discussions.

# CHANNEL 1



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	5	2	2	3	4

## "Best files on the Internet"

C1 has been around since 1986, and Brian Miller knows how to run a good BBS. Perhaps that's why C1 became the first BBS to win Dvorak's Award of Excellence for an outstanding online service. Channel 1 is a well known resource for high-quality shareware.

## Chatline BBS



Welcome to the Chatline BBS!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	3	2	1	3	3

## "Western Canada's Largest Adult-Only BBS"

Started back in '78 as a single line BBS, Chatline went multi-line on Canada Day in 1988. They've since grown into a whopping 45-line Worldgroup system featuring adult-oriented chat and lots of files.

**Telnet** BBS.channel1.com (204.96.33.5)  
**FTP** ftp.channel1.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.channel1.com  
**Email** brian.miller@channel1.com  
Cambridge, MA, USA

### Location

**Dial-Up** 617.349.1300 617.354.2505  
617.354.3230 800.745.2747

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 140

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Guest or register

**Access** General audiences

Brian recently integrated C1 into the World Wide Web, so travelers have the opportunity to try out C1 via browser as well as telnet. Lots of free access to first time callers too!

Over four million callers have tried C1...what are you waiting for?

*Sysop Comment (Brian Miller):* "BBS systems are the grassroots of local connectivity and alternative content."

**Telnet** BBS.comfo.ca (206.75.245.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** BBS.comfo.ca  
**Web** http://www.BBS.comfo.ca  
**Email** sysop@comfo.ca

**Location** Calgary AB, Canada

**Dial-Up** 403.299.0180  
403.299.0251

**Software** Worldgroup/MajorBBS

**Nodes** 45

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

Two free weeks demo for all voice verified accounts.

*Sysop Comment:* "The most important part of this BBS is not the software or hardware, it's the people."

# ChatMaster BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	2	4	3

## "Springfield's largest BBS!"

All ages are welcome at this Springfield online mecca, which specializes in, as you can guess, online chat. Both local and Internet chat through Interlink are offered twenty-four hours a day. But this isn't only a chat board—lots of multiplayer games, hourly updated weather service, and a whopping twenty CDs of files make CM an excellent all-around system.

## Chicago Internet MatchMaker



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	1	2	2

An Internet MatchMaker type system specifically designed for the Chicago surrounding areas. Members fill out questionnaires

<b>Telnet</b>	cmaster.com (199.190.80.2)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://cmaster.com
<b>Email</b>	Sysop@cmaster.com Sysop@C-M (MajorNet)
<b>Location</b>	Springfield, MO, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	417.886.2737 417.886.0878 417.335.0012 417.326.9716
<b>Software</b>	MBBS/Worldgroup
<b>Nodes</b>	54
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

A friendly and relaxed atmosphere where people can get together.

*Michael E. Redman, sysop:* "I think BBSs have an excellent potential on the Net. No one is better able to provide the features people want, the help people need, and at a cost that is reasonable and competitive."

<b>Telnet</b>	chicago.email.net (204.181.110.14)
<b>FTP</b>	chicago.email.net
<b>Finger</b>	chicago.email.net
<b>Web</b>	http://www.chicago.email.net
<b>Email</b>	MatchMaker@chicago.email.net
<b>Location</b>	Chicago, IL, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	
<b>Software</b>	UNIX
<b>Nodes</b>	100
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	mm
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

to help them locate that perfect match, or just someone with things in common.

Looking to make a friend in Chicago? Give 'em a call.



## Christian Internet MatchMaker



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	1	2	2

An Internet MatchMaker BBS with the Christian Community in mind. A great place for Christians looking to meet other of the same background and interests.

**Telnet** christian.email.net (204.181.110.11)  
**FTP** christian.email.net  
**Finger** christian.email.net  
**Web** <http://www.christian.email.net>  
**Email** MatchMaker@christian.email.net

**Location** Christian, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** mm  
**Access** Adults only

## Christian Pursuit—The Fellowship Network

### Christian Pursuit

"Connecting you with Christ"

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	2	2	1

#### "Christian Information Network"

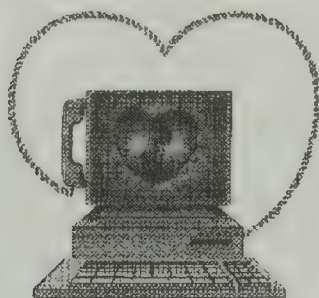
For both non-Christians and Christians looking for spiritual answers, fellowship, and the Lord in cyberspace. Amen.

**Telnet** cpursuit.com (199.201.96.85)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @cpursuit.com  
**Web** <http://www.cpursuit.com/>  
**Email** jack@cpursuit.com

**Location** Waukesha, WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 414.896.2660

**Software** Christian  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

# Christie's Internet Matchmaker



## MATCHMAKER ELECTRONIC PEN-PAL NETWORK

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	1	2	2

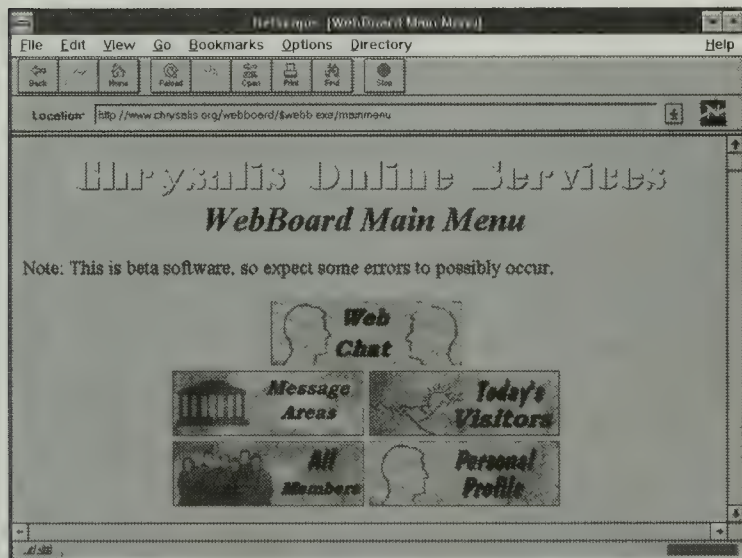
Complete matchmaker BBS, with live chat and email. Christie is always connected to at least a dozen other Matchmaker systems across the nation, so you're bound to find your perfect

<b>Telnet</b>	christie.email.net (199.33.241.97)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	christie.email.net
<b>Web</b>	http://www.email.net
<b>Email</b>	Christie@christie.email.net Matchmaker@christie.email.net
<b>Location</b>	USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	
<b>Software</b>	Boede Matchmaker
<b>Nodes</b>	
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	MM
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

match...okay, at least the odds are better. Telnet-only (no dial-up).

*User Comment (cmbppp@cy-net.net): "All IDs are anonymous, offering a greater freedom to communicate."*

## Chrysalis Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	5	3	1	4	3

### "The Largest and Oldest BBS in Texas"

In cyberspace, it's hard to be both the oldest and biggest anything, but Chrysalis, which has been in operation since 1979 (did they even *have* computers back then) and has blossomed

<b>Telnet</b>	chrysalis.org (204.96.6.98)
<b>FTP</b>	chrysalis.org
<b>Finger</b>	@chrysalis.org
<b>Web</b>	http://www.chrysalis.org/
<b>Email</b>	garry.grosse@chrysalis.org

<b>Location</b>	Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	214.690.9295 817.540.5565
<b>Software</b>	TBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	64
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

into a 64-plus-node mega system out of Dallas/Fort Worth, may very well hold both titles for their area.

With thousands of members to chat with, lots of online games, and an amazing 60 CDs online, Chrysalis is a Texas gem.

# Cinci-Net

## Cinci - Net

### Welcome to Cinci-Net's Home Page

A community online service for Cincinnati and the world!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

**"The friendliest bunch of users you'll find on the net"**

CN is a an adults-only cyber community focusing on games and chat. CN is also a member of Game Net, offering players from around the world inter-BBS competition.

**Telnet** cinci.net (199.6.38.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** Sysop@Cinci.net

**Location** Cincinnati OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 513.779.2217  
513.779.7846

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

New signups get two free weeks to try Cinci-Net out!

## Cincinnati Multi-Player Connection BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	1	3	3

**"Best Gamers Board in Cincinnati"**

Looking for a challenge? CMPC claims to have some of the top Doom players anywhere in the world, and they're willing

**Telnet** cinmpc.com (206.112.195.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** Sysop@cinmpc.com

**Location** Cincinnati, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 513.825.7900

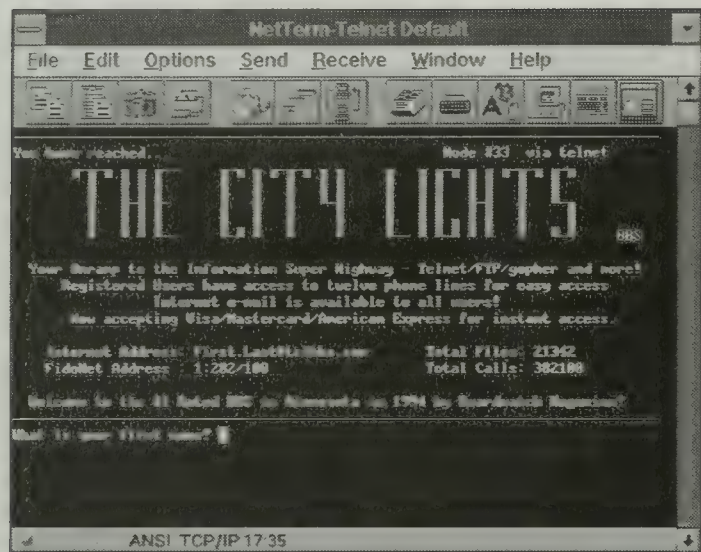
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

to test you out online anytime. Other great multiplayer games, and most important, lots of great gamers are always online.

Telnet over and say hi to Gary and Wayne, your gaming hosts.



## The City Lights



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	3	4	2	3	3

**"Ranked #1 in Minnesota by Boardwatch Magazine in 1994!"**

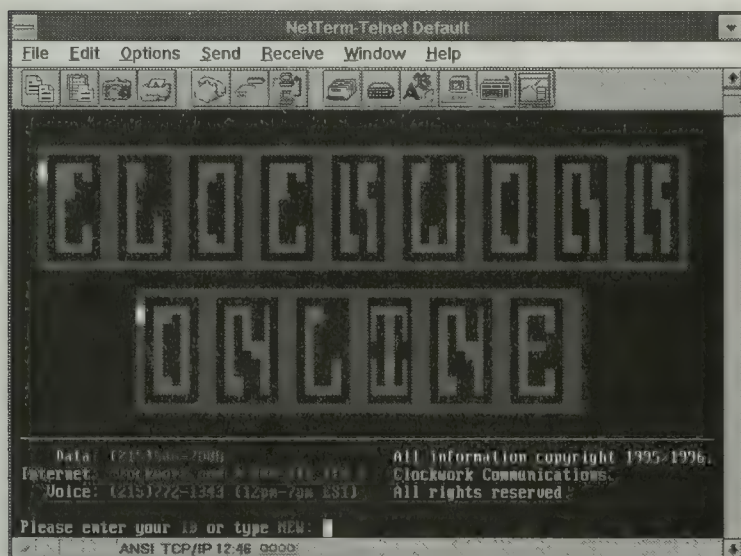
The City Lights offers a huge file section (over seven gigabytes of shareware), and many networked message conferences,

**Telnet** tclbbs.com (204.246.107.4)  
**FTP** ftp.tclbbs.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.tclbbs.com  
**Email** Sysop@tclbbs.com

**Location** Arden Hills, MN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 612.639.8969  
 612.633.1366  
**Software** Wildcat v4.01  
**Nodes** 23  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

including the complete Usenet, FidoNet, WildNet, BirdNet, and MsiNet international echoes. Full Internet access as well.

## A Clockwork Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	1	1	4	4

**"The Grooviest Online Service in the Galaxy!™"**

Clockwork has all the great online games such as MajorMUD, Trade Wars, TeleArena, and trivia, plus Clockwork provides you with more Internet services then you can shake a stick at! <grin>

**Telnet** clockwork.com (204.215.118.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://clockwork.com  
**Email** sloan@clockwork.com

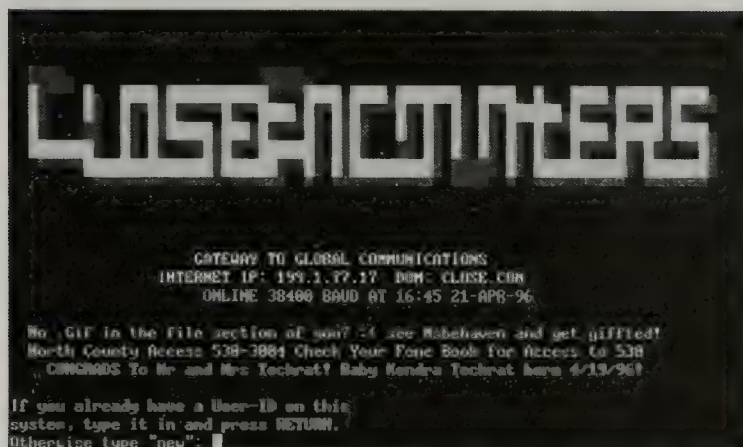
**Location** Philadelphia, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 215.546.7088

**Software** Worldgroup/MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Give them a try and meet some of the friendliest modemers in the galaxy.

*User Comment (lorelei@cfw.com):* "Well, what attracted me to A Clockwork Orange was the name, as this is my favorite movie of all time. What kept me there was the chat areas and the friendly sysops. A pleasant place to be at the end of a long day: with friends."

## Close Encounters Adult



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	1	1	3	3

One of the most popular systems in West Central Florida, CE provides an all-adult meeting place for locals and wayward travellers. Local gatherings are a mainstay of this chat-oriented sys-

**Telnet** Close.packet.net (199.1.77.17)  
**FTP** Close.packet.net  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** Liney

**Location** St. Petersburg, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 813.528.8294

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

tem where users are sometimes found hanging out at a local establishment called Mickey Rats. International chat linkups nightly.

## Closer To Home BBS Systems



### **CLOSER TO HOME BBS** SYSTEMS

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	4	3

**"The Largest BBS on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland, Australia"**

Visit the down under continent for a lively chat with the locals, and grab a few files too. Several OS/2 based games are also online. Over 58,000 people call Closer to Home...home!

Ranked #19 in the 1996 Internet Top 20 BBS Contest, and the only Top 20 system honored outside of North America.

**Telnet** closer2.brisnet.org.au (203.4.149.130)  
**FTP** closer2.brisnet.org.au  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.closer.brisnet.org.au>  
**Email** incisor@closer.brisnet.org.au

**Location** Godwin Beach, QL, Australia  
**Dial-Up** +61.74.976.293

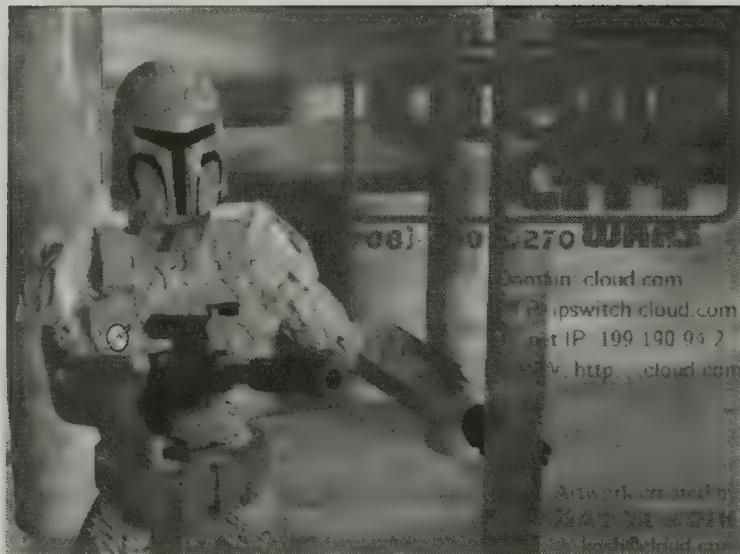
**Software** Maximus ver 3.0 for OS/2  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** User's name  
**Access** General audiences

Don't hesitate a visit to the land of OZ, they're a friendly bunch!

*User Comment (incisor@closer.brisnet.org.au):* "Good mail and file areas, with plenty of first-up access. Online chatting with the locals is fun."



## Cloud City



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	1	3	3

### "A Unique Online Experience"

Unique, but not very remarkable. A plain-Jane BBS with some online conferences, games, and Internet access.

**Telnet** cloud.com (199.190.94.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://cloud.com  
**Email**

**Location** IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 708.540.6270

**Software** MBBS

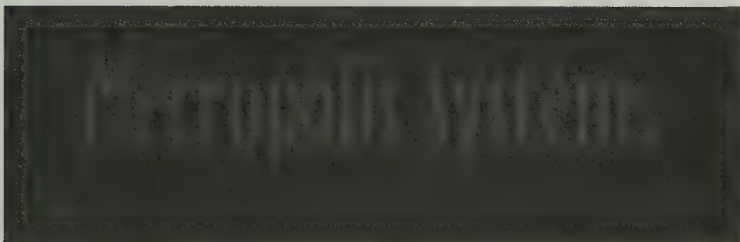
**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

## Club Met



### Welcome to Metropolis™ Systems!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	5	4	4	2	4	5

### "The largest group of BBSs in the World"

Club Met, Metropolis Big 10, and Metropolis Big 12 all make up the Metropolis BBS Complex. Taken as a whole, Metro supports an incredible 550 nodes with direct dial-up access to over 25 major cities, and comes very close to in size to ExecPC. As a group, Metro is most likely the second largest

**Telnet** clubmet.com (198.69.223.103)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.metrobbs.com  
**Email** sysop@clubmet.com

Overland Park, KS, USA

**Location** 913.832.0041

**Dial-Up** 913.661.9900

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 550

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

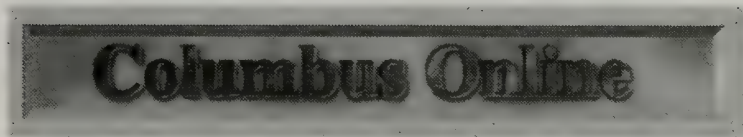
BBS in the world, and may one day soon be the largest (actually, it may be the largest right now!).

Metro has it all: games, chat, files, message bases, and, of course, full Internet services, including high-end business related services.

If you're looking for just one BBS to telnet to, this may be the one.



## Columbus Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	2	3

### "Your Gateway to the World"

A general purpose BBS with Internet, chat, files, forums, and games. Free trial time for visitors.

**Telnet** cols.com (205.133.92.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://cols.com  
**Email** ashby@columbus.infinet.com

**Location** Columbus, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 614.785.4025

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## COMM Port OS/2



## COMM Port OS/2 HyperText Transfer Protocol Daemon

OS2HTTPD is a native OS/2 Web Server. It is a port of the NCSA httpd 1.3 by Frankie Fan.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	2	1	2	2

COMM Port is a file-oriented system with plenty of hard-to-find files for OS/2 and Apple Macintosh. Some technical message conferences are online as well.

**Telnet** juge.com (199.100.191.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://juge.com  
**Email**

**Location** Sugar Hill, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 713.980.9671 713.980.1002  
713.980.1092

**Software** Maximus  
**Nodes**  
**Pay**  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

## Community Access BBS



### Community Access BBS

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	4	2	3	3

#### "East Contra Costa County Public Information Source"

Since 1993, Mark Liddington's CA BBS may only have added eight nodes, but he packs a big punch. Everything from a huge assortment of message bases (including Usenet, Clerinet, and Fidonet), to great door games are available to CA members. Full Internet access provider too.

**Telnet** CABbs.com (206.14.181.150)  
**FTP** 206.14.181.150  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.cabbs.com>  
**Email** mark\_liddington@comaccbbs.win.net  
sysop@cabbs.com  
**Location** Antioch, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.679.8858  
510.753.5801  
**Software** PowerBBS for Windows v4.5  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** First and Last Name  
**Access** General audiences

Check them out using a RIP compatible terminal program (such as RipTerm) for best effect.

*User Comment (Ron Hall):* "I have no idea why someone like Mark would buy an expensive computer, dedicate it to use as a BBS, devote hours and hours setting it up and maintaining it, and endless time helping others to use it."

## Community Online

### Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce

**Positioning for the Millenium**



Attention Members - Join the Online Network

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	1	3	2	3

CO is a family-oriented system run by the local Worcester Chamber of Commerce. Some business information on the

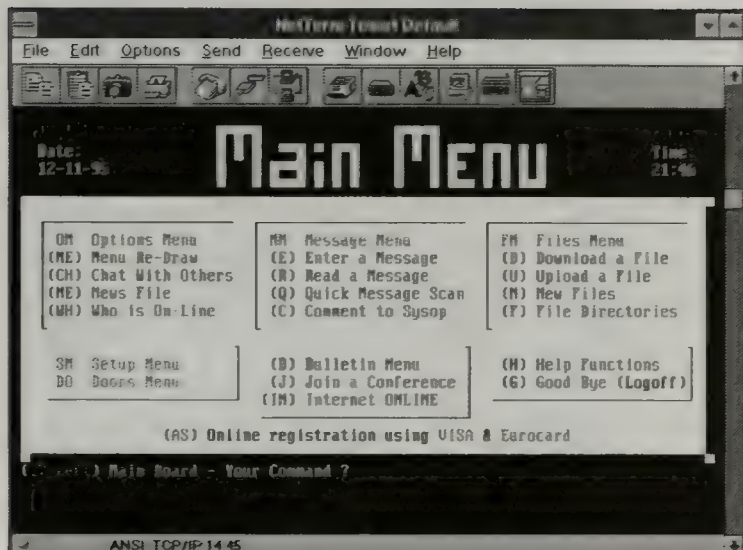
**Telnet** chamber.worcester.ma.us  
**FTP** (146.115.172.2)  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://chamber.worcester.ma.us>  
**Email** scream.in.demon@chamber.worcester.ma.us  
harley@chamber.worcester.ma.us

**Location** Millbury, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 508.865.7234

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

local area is available, as well as an active chat area. CO also serves as one of the area's local Internet providers.

## ComPart BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	4	1	2	3

ComPart is a UNIX-based BBS out of Helsinki that offers a wide range of international message conferences (Usenet,

**Telnet** compart.fi (193.64.198.201)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**

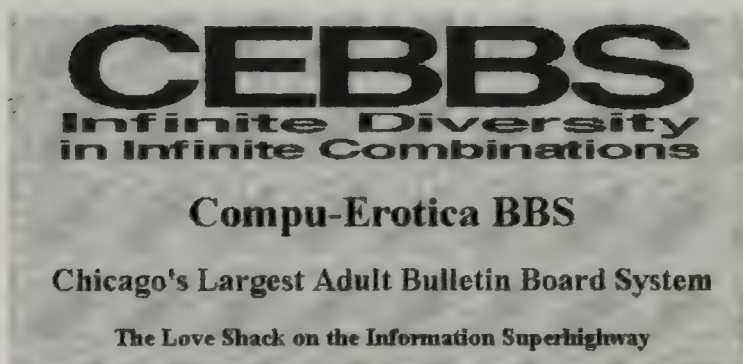
**Location** Helsinki, Finland  
**Dial-Up** 90.506.3329

**Software**  
**Nodes**  
**Pay**  
**Login** pcboard  
**Access** General audiences

RIME, and Ilink) as well as over 60,000 shareware files. The system is rather plain, but easy to use.

All for only 200 FIMs (Finish Marks?) a year!

## Compu-Erotica



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	4	3	2	4	3

### "Chicago's Largest Adult BBS!"

CE's motto is "make new friends and lovers online," and they live up to their claims. With 100 nodes of up-close-and-personal user interaction, CE is the center of Chicago's swinging scene where "open minded people can celebrate the infi-

**Telnet** cebbs.com (38.246.239.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.cebbs.com>  
**Email** ronnie@cebbs.com  
 tiger@cebbs.com

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 312.902.3599  
 312.879.9200

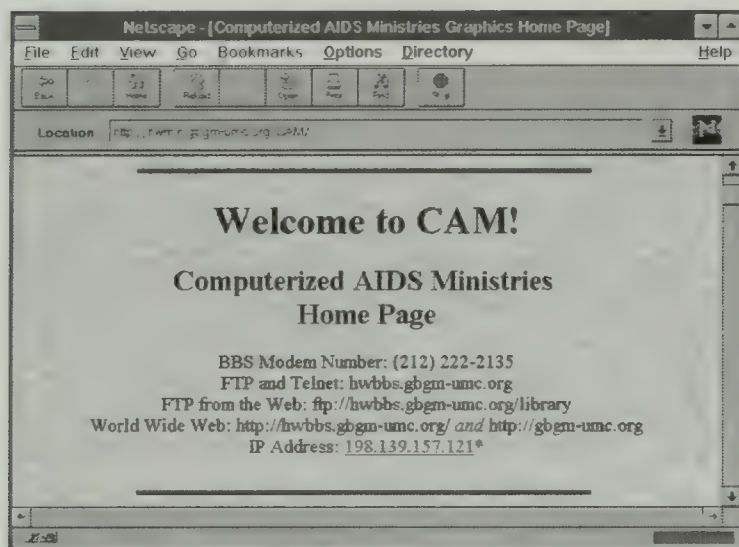
**Software** Custom Vax/VMS  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

nite diversity of life and sexuality." Huge collection of adult files, with unique and tantalizing member pics.

All members are personally voice-verified by phone to help make CE a safe-cybersex destination. If you're looking for something *hot* in Chicago, look no further than CE.



## The Computerized AIDS Ministries Network (CAM!)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	3	4	3	1

**“Providing HIV/AIDS information, education, and support”**

Based in New York, CAM is a online service provided by the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department, General Board of Global Ministries, of The United Methodist Church. The goal of CAM is to create a safe space for its community of

**Telnet** hwbbs.gbmgm-umc.org  
**FTP** (198.139.157.121)  
**Finger** hwbbs.gbmgm-umc.org  
**Web**  
**Email** http://hwbbs.gbmgm-umc.org

**Location** New York, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 212.222.2135

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

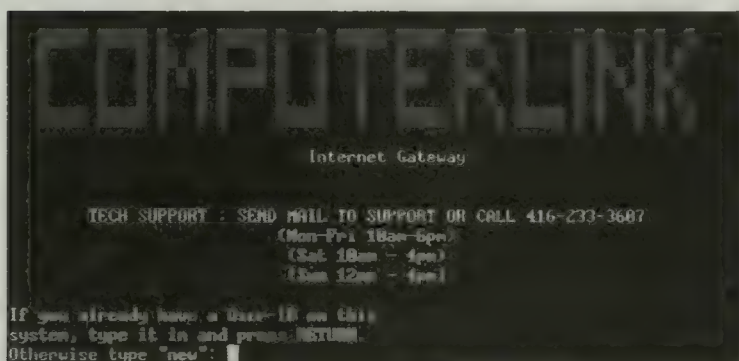
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

users to gain information and support, and it does so through a variety of discussion forums.

There's no religious affiliation requirement to participate on CAM. If you have AIDS or know someone with AIDS, this supportive community is designed to put you in touch with others who can help.

## ComputerLink Online, Inc.



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	4

ComputerLink Online is a huge Internet provider out of Ontario that hosts the world-famous Telecafe, a free networked chat service (chat.compulink.com port 9000) that is

**Telnet** mbbs.compulink.com (199.166.254.2)  
**FTP** ftp.cml.com  
**Finger** cml.com  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@cml.com

**Location** Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 416.233.5410

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 106

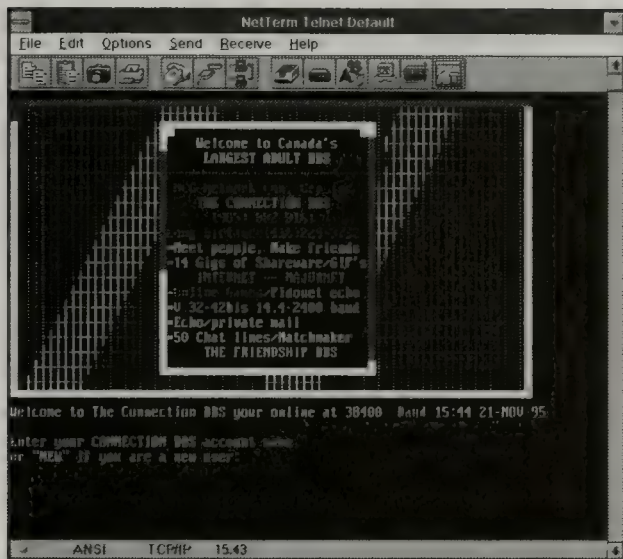
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

used by Internet chat lovers in over 15 countries. ComputerLink also hosts a very active fantasy-role-playing MUD (mud.compulink.com port 4000).

## The Connection BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

## "Canada's Most Popular BBS"

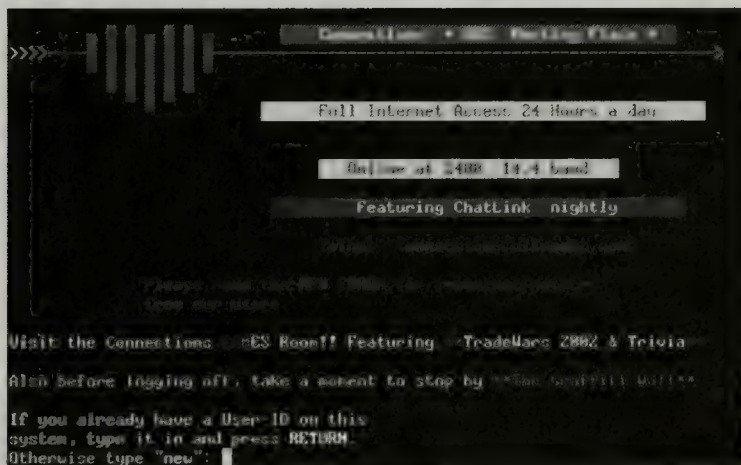
With 50 lines of chat and over 50,000 files (plus 14,000 adult files), The Connection is a popular Canadian hangout and a

<b>Telnet</b>	connection.com (204.138.111.2)	
<b>FTP</b>	connection.com	
<b>Finger</b>	sysop@connection.com	
<b>Web</b>	http://www.connection.com	
<b>Email</b>	sysop@connection.com jorge@connection.com	
<b>Location</b>	Greater Toronto, Canada	
<b>Dial-Up</b>	905.882.8161	905.889.2563 905.764.0108 905.882.1417
<b>Software</b>	MBBS	
<b>Nodes</b>	50	
<b>Pay</b>	Yes	
<b>Login</b>	New	
<b>Access</b>	General audiences	

great place to meet people and make new friends. Full Internet services offered as well.

Free demo time for Internet travellers.

## Connections



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

Adult-only chat system located in...hmm, not sure where these guys are, and they aren't saying either. Nightly linkups and a

<b>Telnet</b>	connections.ultranet.com
<b>FTP</b>	(199.232.102.151)
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Location</b>	USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

small selection of multiplayer games help spice up the interaction.



# CONNECTIONs BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	3	3	1	4	4

## "Modem fun at lightening speed!"

The first thing you'll notice about Connections BBS is the high level of customization—great ANSI menus! Most of the best games are here, including Trade Wars and TeleArena, plus a game link-up with Paradise BBS in Houston. Quite a few mes-

**Telnet** chaos.connect-BBS.com (206.53.103.3)  
**FTP** amber.connect-BBS.com  
**Finger** chaos.connect-BBS.com  
**Web** <http://amber.connect-BBS.com/>  
**Email** sysop@chaos.connect-BBS.com  
adar@chaos.connect-BBS.com  
**Location** Wichita, KS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 316.682.7346

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 60  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

sage forums, a gigabytes of files, and twenty-four-hour international chat link-ups make Connections BBS a place you'll want to check out. Full Internet services as well, including shell accounts for the techno-weenies.

Fifteen free hours for anyone who stops by.

## Connections! BBS of Southern Hospitality

Matchmaker for the *Deep South* since  
1991



Columbus, Mississippi

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	1	3	2	3	1

## "Southern Hospitality Abounds at Connections!"

Connections is the name of the game for this matchmaker system running on a very old copy of a very old BBS platform called Oracomm. But these guys have made that old work

**Telnet** msmatch.com (205.218.114.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** connections.ebicom.net  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@www.msmatch.com

**Location** Columbus MS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 601.329.3247  
601.323.6508

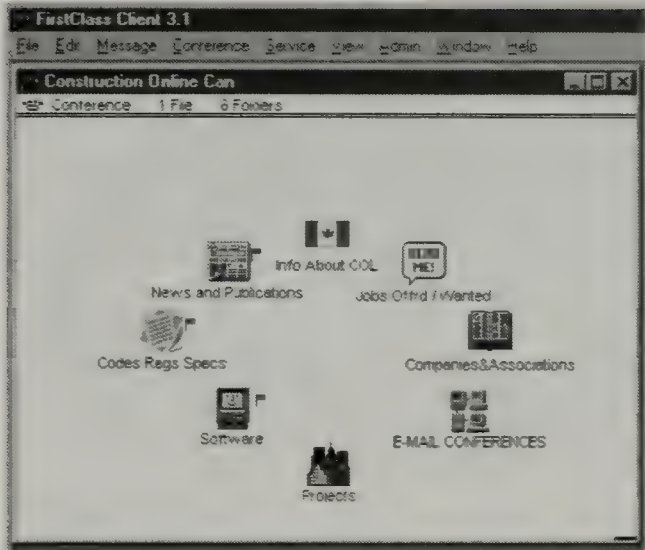
**Software** Oracomm  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

horse into something very special for those looking for that certain someone.

Give them a visit in the Deep South, and get 30 days to see what they do. They'll even scan yer piktur for all to see...free of charge.



# Construction Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	4	3	2

## "Your Construction Resource on the Net"

Construction Online is a highly focused system designed for the global construction industry. Residential, industrial, com-

**Telnet** (199.166.4.9)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.io.org/~conston/icol/col-c.htm>  
**Email** [conston@io.org](mailto:conston@io.org)

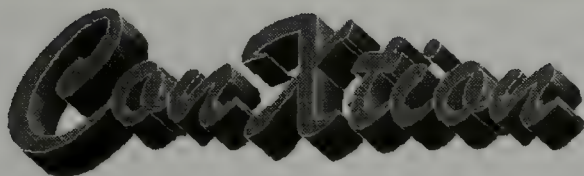
**Location** Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** First Class Client/Server  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** See Web page  
**Access** General audiences

mercial, and institutional construction is covered in an amazing collection of files and message bases geared towards the industry.

Grab a copy of the First Class client off their web site before you try to telnet here.

# ConXtion



3311-B Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210 (803)772-4044  
**BBS:(803)772-4624 (14.4k) (803)772-2263 (28.8k)**  
[Http://www.conxtion.com/](http://www.conxtion.com/) Telnet: (conxtion.com)  
*A Division of Integ Corporation*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	2	4	3

## "Where people interact with the world"

Those visiting ConXtion will first be impressed with the attractive and well organized menu system, and then by the amount of online interaction you'll discover in chat and the many

**Telnet** ConXtion.Com (199.190.84.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://ConXtion.com>  
**Email** [WL-SYSOP-CXT@Society.Com](mailto:WL-SYSOP-CXT@Society.Com)

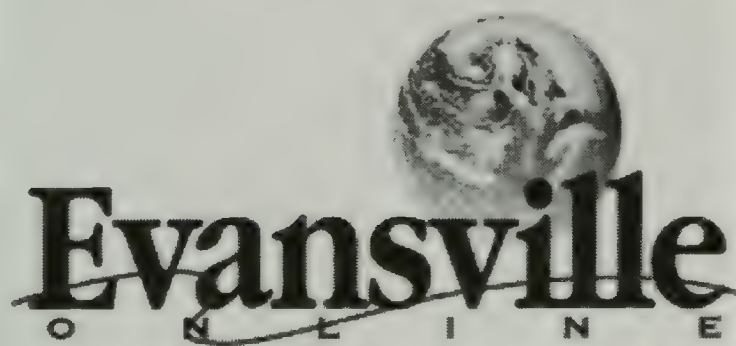
**Location** Columbia, SC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 803.772.4624

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 68  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

online games. Worldlink and Interlink chat networks assure that you'll always find someone online to talk to.

ConXtion just happens to be South Carolina's largest BBS, and the only service I know offering Internet access by the minute, using a 1-900 number (at a buck a minute?).

## Courier Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	4	3	2

### "The Evansville Courier Online"

The slogan says it all. This is an online newspaper featuring gobs of local information about Evansville, Indiana, and

**Telnet** col.evansville.net (204.120.30.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.evansville.net>  
**Email** sysop@evansville.net

**Location** Evansville, IN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 812.424.1099

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

national news as well. News is updated every day, making this a true electronic information feast.

So...what exactly is going on in Evansville today?

## COWZ—The Cattle Crossing on the Information Superhighway



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	3	2	5	3

### "Your Cattle Crossing on the Infobahn...Moo!"

Cowz features good times, more than a little bovine presence, good rates, and the flexibility and weirdness of Waffle BBS, including online HUNT THE WUMPUS! Drop by Tom's Diner, an online multiuser shared hallucination (MUSH) modeled after your favorite late-night hang-out.

**Telnet** cow.net (204.96.52.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** cowz@cow.net  
**Web** <http://cow.net>  
**Email** beef@cow.net

**Location** Boston, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 617.269.8696

**Software** Waffle BBS UNIX  
**Nodes** 68  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** MOO  
**Access** General audiences

New signups have the ability to look around, get a feel, check out this bovine community.

**Sysop Quote:** "We're better than America Online. Moo."

**User Comment** (dr@icsi.net): "Its got a cool domain—cow.net, holy.cow.net, and moo.cow.net."



## CRIS (Concentric Research Corp)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	3	3	4	5

### "Home of BBS Direct"

A mega online community, CRIS offers an exceptionally wide range of activities for its members. On the game side, CRIS features some of the most spectacular, multiplayer, graphical front-end odysseys on the Net, including Air Warrior (full graphical air combat simulation) and Isle of Kesmei (incredible fantasy role playing). These special games have an extra cost,

**Telnet** cris.com (199.3.12.187)  
**FTP** ftp.cris.com  
**Finger** cris.com  
**Web** <http://www.cris.com>  
**Email** sysop@cris.com

**Location** Bay City, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 800.991.4227 517.895.0510

**Software** MBBS/UNIX  
**Nodes** 999  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

so be sure to look over the game information before trying these out. CRIS is also the home for BBS Direct, which allows you to connect to dozens of BBSs around the world (many are not Internet connected). Full Internet services is offered as well, including advanced Web page hosting (lots of custom CGIs for the Web-heads), and shell access.

## Critical Mass Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	2	4	3

### "Do you play Doom?"

Are you a Doom enthusiast? Well, Critical Mass was created just for you. Not only can you play Doom online with up to four other players, but Critical Mass also maintains an impres-

**Telnet** Thecatacomb.com (199.190.65.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://thecatacomb.com>  
**Email** Bullsfan@thecatacomb.com  
Subzero@thecatacomb.com

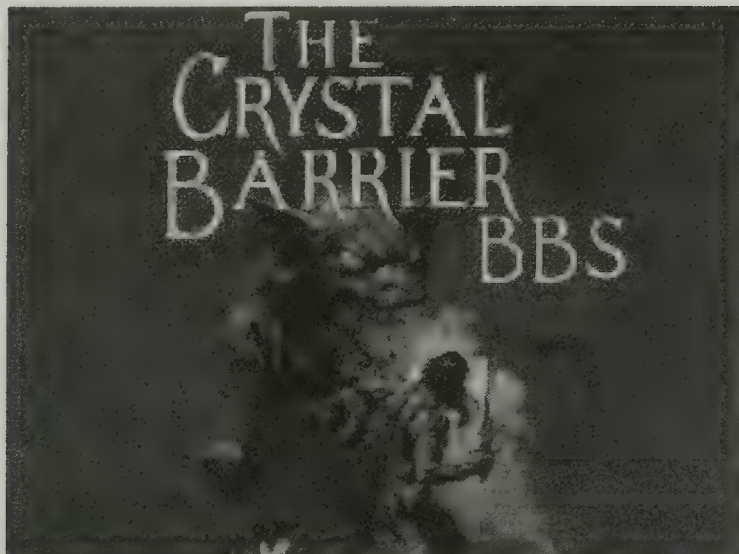
**Location** Darien, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 708.910.5185

**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

sive quantity of Doom WAD files (custom Doom scenarios for the true Doom connoiseur). Other games, such as MajorMUD, Trade Wars, and L.O.R.D. are also online, along with an active chat area.



## The Crystal Barrier



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Sheboygan County's Largest BBS"

Over twenty high-energy games including Trade Wars, Mutants, and TeleArena, plus multiplayer Doom and Hexen support. Seven CDs are always online for over four gigabytes

**Telnet** BBS.tcbi.com (156.46.162.20)  
**FTP** BBS.tcbi.com  
**Finger** @BBS.tcbi.com  
**Web** http://BBS.tcbi.com  
**Email** sysop@BBS.tcbi.com

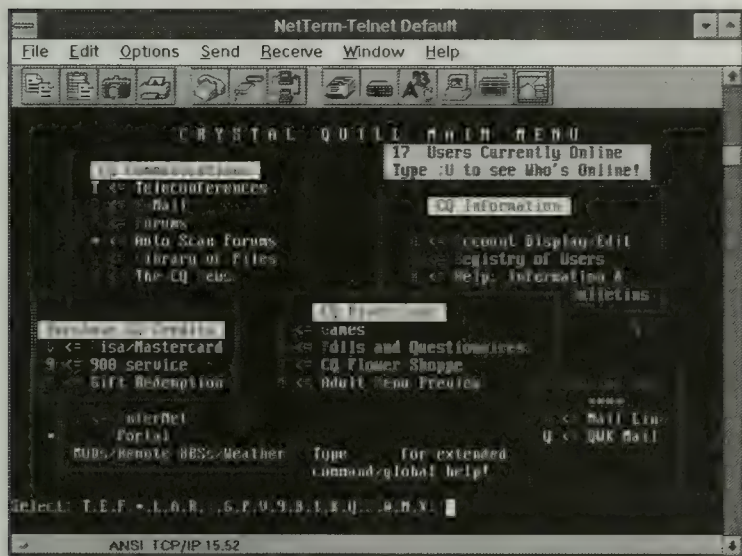
**Location** Sheboygan WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 414.457.8399

**Software** MajorBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 46  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

of files. Online shopping, networked chat, and free home pages offered to users too. CB is also the official distribution site for the Wisconsin BBS list.

Try 'em out for five free hours.

## Crystal Quill



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
5	3	3	2	1	4	3

CQ is one of DC's premier online communities, featuring very active chat (including global chat, where you can chat while doing other activities), a great selection of games (including internetworked BBS games), and several gigabytes of files to download. Internet access is designed with the advanced and novice user in mind. Special adult areas too, for those looking

**Telnet** cq.cqi.com (199.125.162.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**

**Location** Washington, DC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.241.7100

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

for that kind of thing. CQ is a friendly environment that encourages interesting interaction with its members, both local and from cyberspace.

*User Comment (eugene396@christie.email.net):* "I like CQ cause they tend to the needs of their members...they have nice chat, and many wonderful users."

## CSI Online

### Welcome to CSI Online Services

Providing Internet Access to Central New Jersey with a T1 Digital Link

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

CSI is a general purpose BBS with an emphasis towards games and chat. A good selection of games, lively chat, and

**Telnet** csionline.com (205.148.205.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://csionline.com  
**Email** sysop@csionline.com

**Location** Jersey Shore, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

highly customized interface make CSI a nice stopping point on the Net.

## Custom Computers BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	1	1	2	4

Custom Computers is primarily a local Internet provider, though it does offer a limited selection of files, and some online chat, on the BBS portion of this service. Members can also

**Telnet** ccdbbs.com (206.74.12.19)  
**FTP** ftp.ccdbbs.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.ccdbbs.com  
**Email** johns@ccdbbs.com

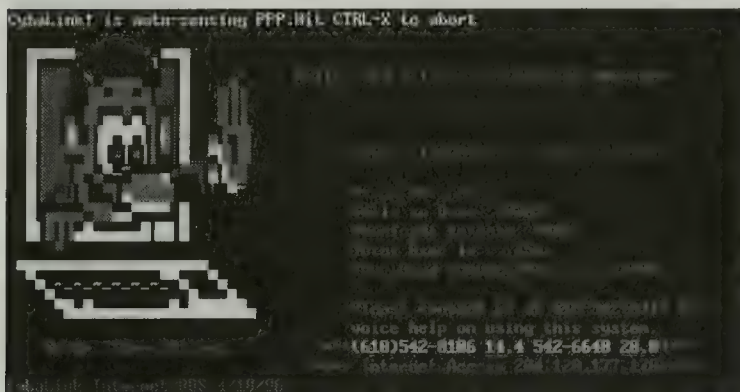
**Location** Anderson, SC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 864.375.0074  
864.375.0270

**Software** Wildcat 4.12  
**Nodes** 3  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

send live video/audio feeds using a special Internet client called CU-SeeMe.



## CybaLink BBS Internet Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	2	1	2	3

Internet service provider with Game Connection for multi-player online Doom. These guys also have a *mega* file section, with twenty-one CDs and fifteen gigabytes of online shareware.

**Telnet** gw.cybalink.com (204.120.177.178)  
**FTP** 204.120.177.178  
**Finger** 204.120.177.178  
**Web** http://204.120.177.178  
**Email** sysop@gw.cybalink.com

**Location** DuQuoin, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 618.542.8106

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## CyBER HoUSE



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	2	3	3

A full service BBS offering the gambit, from family-oriented games and forums to the finest in adult entertainment (including a very large adult file area). CyBER HoUSE also offers

**Telnet** cyberhouse.org (198.68.11.15)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@cyberhouse.org

**Location** Grants Pass, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 541.471.2209

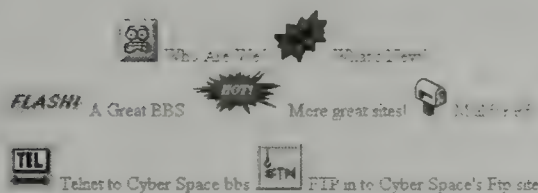
**Software** Renegade  
**Nodes** 5  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

unique hyperlinks to other sites around the Internet, specializing in Renegade BBS sites on the Net. Most features of this BBS are free.



## Cyber Space Connection

### The Cyber Space's World



To get a list of file on the BBS click on the file area you want and click index.txt

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	1	3	3

This Wildcat system out of Regina Canada offers files, chat, and advertising for subscribers. They'll also design a nice Web page for you if you're looking at getting plugged into the Net.

**Telnet** BBS.cyber-conn.com  
**FTP** (192.139.174.247)  
**Finger** ftp.cyber-conn.com  
**Web**  
**Email** http://www.cyber-conn.com  
 dtaylor@unibase.com

**Location** Regina, SK, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 306.359.6808 306.545.1255  
 306.522.6902

**Software** Wild Cat V5

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

## Cyber Warrior Network

### CYBER WARRIOR NETWORK



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	4	4

#### "Home of Rubies of Eventide"

CW features all the usual files and chat, as well as a totally unique gaming experience called Rubies of Eventide. Rubies is a state-of-the-art 3-D fantasy featuring dazzling graphics and sound combined with a rich storyline and vivid characters to create a game so real you'll think you're there.

**Telnet** outland.cyberwar.com (204.97.1.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://outland.cyberwar.com  
**Email**

**Location** Fair Lawn, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 201.703.2500

**Software**

**Nodes** 128

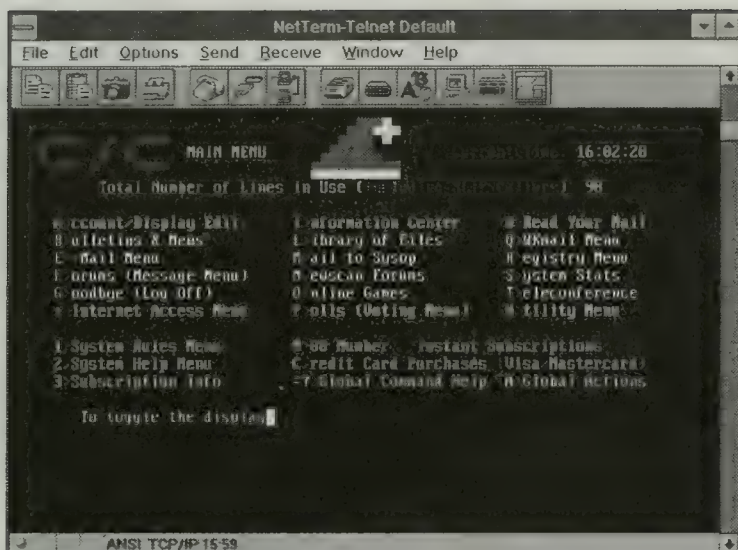
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*Sysop Quote:* "[Rubies] was written collaboratively by a rag-tag team of rogue hackers on the Internet. Rubies is the culmination of years of solemn study in fields as diverse as three dimensional geometry, artificial intelligence, and the innermost workings of the human psyche."

# Cyber/Chat!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	4

## "New Jersey's Largest and Finest Information and Entertainment System"

CC is a huge (134 node) online community running out of Jersey with a lot of something for everyone. A great selection of

**Telnet** BBS.cybercom.com (199.171.196.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@cybercom.com  
**Web** http://www.cybercom.com  
**Email** sysop@cybercom.com

**Location** Toms River, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 908.506.0610  
 908.506.7637

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 134  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

real-time games, over eighteen gigabytes of files, and plenty of people to chat with.

If you are looking for interaction, drop by CC for a free trial membership.

## Cybercat Online

## Cybercat Online Indulge Your Curiosity!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	4	2	2	3	3

Cybercat is a general-purpose BBS with multiplayer games such as Trade Wars and Mutants, as well as a great collection of files. Cybercat gets files from a Planet Connect satellite feed, and carries all FidoNet file echoes. There are weekly user meetings every Monday night.

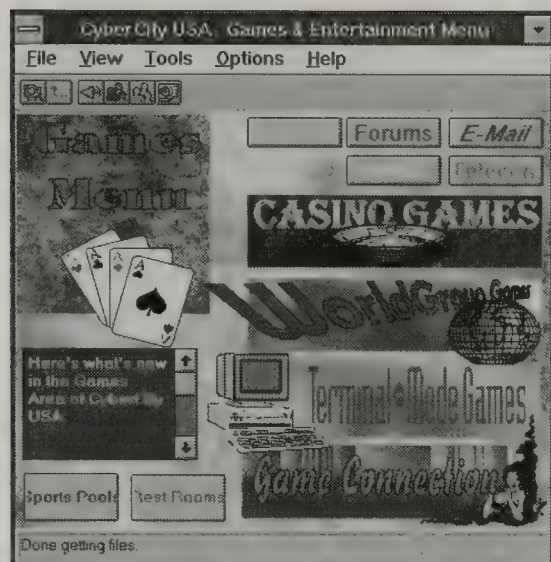
**Telnet** cycat.com (206.162.42.2)  
**FTP** cycat.com  
**Finger** cycat.com @cycat.com (for who is on)  
**Web** http://cycat.com/  
**Email** jmelchiori@cycat.com

**Location** Orlando, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.298.5830

**Software** Worldgroup by Galacticomm  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Mention that you heard about them in this book and they'll give you some free time to try them out.

## CyberCity, USA



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

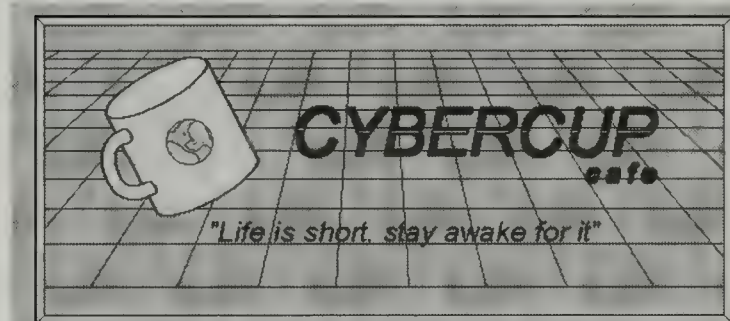
CC is a chat/entertainment system with twenty-four-hour party-line chats. Online games like Trade Wars 2002, Mutants, and Swords of Chaos are sure to keep you entertained. If you're all talked and gamed out, shop in the online mall, or

**Telnet** cybercityusa.com (206.181.68.34)  
**FTP** ftp.cybercityusa.com  
**Finger** 206.181.68.34  
**Web** http://cybercityusa.com  
**Email** sysop@cybercityusa.com  
 mose@cybercityusa.com  
**Location** Hamilton Square, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 609.890.6347

**Software** Worldgroup/Major BBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

find that perfect someone with CC's MatchMaker Service. CC offers thousands of the latest shareware files in the libraries and twelve CDs.

## Cybercup Internet Coffeehouse



Temple Terrace, Florida

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	4	3

### "Your Coffeehouse on the Internet"

Just what you need after a long day of surfing the netted board...a nice hot cup of java. Relax and chat with folks at a

**Telnet** cybercup.com (206.5.102.2)  
**FTP** 206.5.102.2  
**Finger** 206.5.102.2  
**Web** http://cybercup.com  
**Email** gads@cybercup.com  
 knight@cybercup.com

**Location** Tampa, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 813.988.2816  
 813.988.2827

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

real-life coffeehouse connected to the Internet! Cybercup offers national chat linkups and plenty of online games too. Whether you like your BBSing regular or decaf, drop by the Cybercup.



# Cyberdelic BBS



Cyberdelic's UFO Landing Pad

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	3	3	3	3

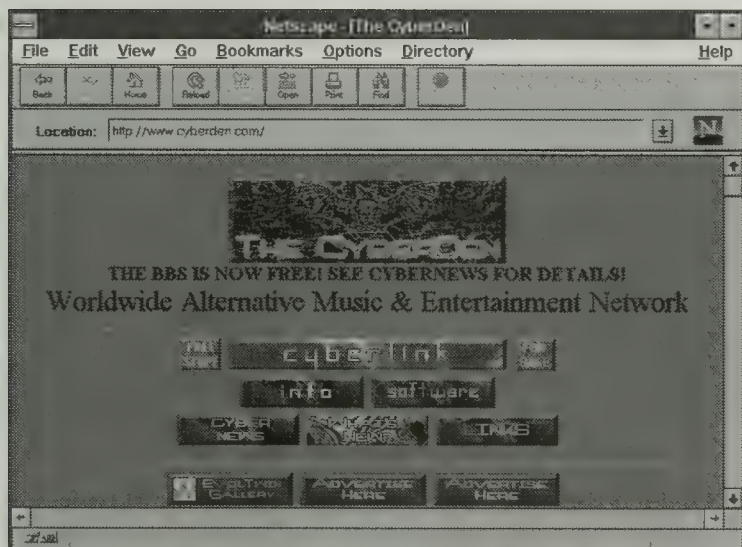
## "Your Gateway to Knowledge"

Using Cyberdelic's Windows/Mac based GUI client (Nova-term), you can create your own home pages or just surf the

<b>Telnet</b>	johnson.cioe.com (204.120.165.210)
<b>FTP</b>	ftp.nova.cioe.com
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://www.nova.cioe.com
<b>Email</b>	webmaster@johnson.cioe.com postmaster@nova.cioe.com
<b>Location</b>	Lafayette, IN, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	317.742.4426 317.423.2301
<b>Software</b>	NovaServer
<b>Nodes</b>	10
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	guest/guest
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

Net. Cyberdelic has three CDs online and a very unusual collection of adult, conspiracy, science, and UFO-related files.

# The CyberDen



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	3	5	3	2

## "The Internet's Largest Alternative Music Source"

The CyberDen is the longest running and largest alternative music and entertainment network on the Net, featuring labels, bands, multimedia, venues, vendors, and more, each with its own conference and files area where music and art can be viewed online in a way the Web never could. A fully graphical

<b>Telnet</b>	cyberden.com (204.182.11.180)
<b>FTP</b>	ftp.cyberden.com
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://www.cyberden.com
<b>Email</b>	bat@cyberden.com

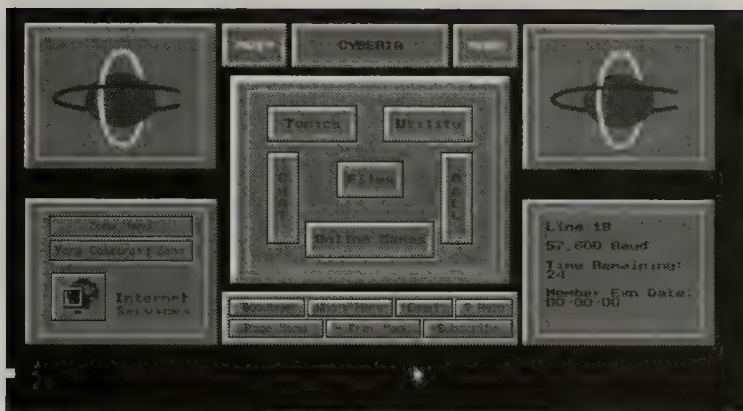
<b>Location</b>	San Rafael, CA, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	415.472.5527

<b>Software</b>	FirstClass
<b>Nodes</b>	11
<b>Pay</b>	Optional
<b>Login</b>	<choose handle>
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

multitasking environment makes navigation through The CyberDen faster and easier than even those other larger (and nameless) online services. Gigabytes of art and resource files for the artist are online.

Probably the best online resource for artists and musicians on the Net. Well worth the visit.

# Cyberia



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	3	3	3

Cyberia is a nationally-ranked BBS providing many local and national services, including free Internet email, games, 'zines, and news. Cyberia features a local news area called The York

**Telnet** cyberia.com (205.160.224.1)

**FTP** cyberia.com

**Finger** cyberia.com

**Web** <http://www.cyberia.com>

**Email** [info@cyberia.com](mailto:info@cyberia.com)  
[adam@cyberia.com](mailto:adam@cyberia.com)

**Location** York, PA, USA

**Dial-Up** 717.848.1666

**Software** TBBS

**Nodes** 23

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

Community Zone, and is a national TBBS software distributor. All new callers get twenty-five minutes per day free to browse the system.

# CyberKorea



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	3	3	3

## "Your Korean Connection"

An online meeting place for Korean Americans and Koreans from around the world, with information files pertaining to the

**Telnet** cyberkorea.com (165.113.175.2)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://165.113.175.2>

**Email** [sysop@cyberkorea.com](mailto:sysop@cyberkorea.com)

**Location** Cerritos, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 310.926.1899

**Software** MajorBBS

**Nodes** 50

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

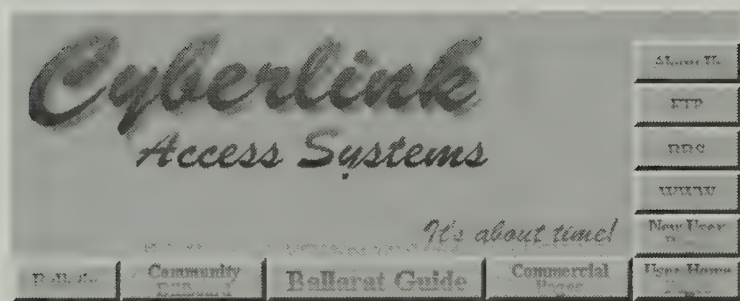
**Access** General audiences

Korean community. Twelve CDs of shareware and active chat (sometimes in Korean).

Most features are free, and you don't have to be Korean to join.



# Cyberlink



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	2

## "A Friendly, Chatty Kind of Place"

The emphasis at Cyberlink is fun for all ages...no adult areas here, just good clean fun. Affiliated with Ballarat Australia's

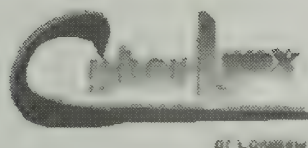
**Telnet** lin.cbl.com.au (203.7.198.205)  
**FTP** lin.cbl.com.au  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://lin.cbl.com.au  
**Email** grs@cbl.com.au

**Location** Ballarat, Victoria, Australia  
**Dial-Up** 61.53.36.2775 61.53.36.1581  
 61.53.36.1582

**Software** Maximus/2  
**Nodes** 5  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** BBS/pass: guest  
**Access** General audiences

Internet Social Club, Cyberlink offers a wide range of public domain files and complete Internet access for the Ballarat area. Twenty-four hour phone support, too (geez...don't these Aussies ever sleep?).

# CyberLynx



Columbia, South Carolina - Worldgroup BBS - Internet Provider

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	1	1	3	4

CyberLynx is a local hometown BBS that is owned and operated by citizens of Columbia, SC. CyberLynx offers a vast game area, message forums, and real-time chat rooms. CyberLynx can be accessed using telnet, or the new Worldgroup Windows client. CyberLynx also offers an impressive collection of business related Internet services, including Web development, and Internet business directory.

**Telnet** clynx.com (206.150.75.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.clynx.com/  
**Email** sysop@clynx.com  
 tgphantom@clynx.com

**Location** Columbia, SC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 803.254.8553 802.254.8554  
 803.254.0465 803.254.0912

**Software** Galacticom  
**Nodes** 22  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Sysop Quote (Chris Bledsoe): "I think that the BBS arena will grow and grow rather well. The problem I foresee is that people will get tired of the coldness of the Internet. Yes, they love the freedom, the excitement, the unrestrained madness of it, but human nature will also want them to come home. Home to a BBS type environment where they know the other members on board."



# CyberNet Online



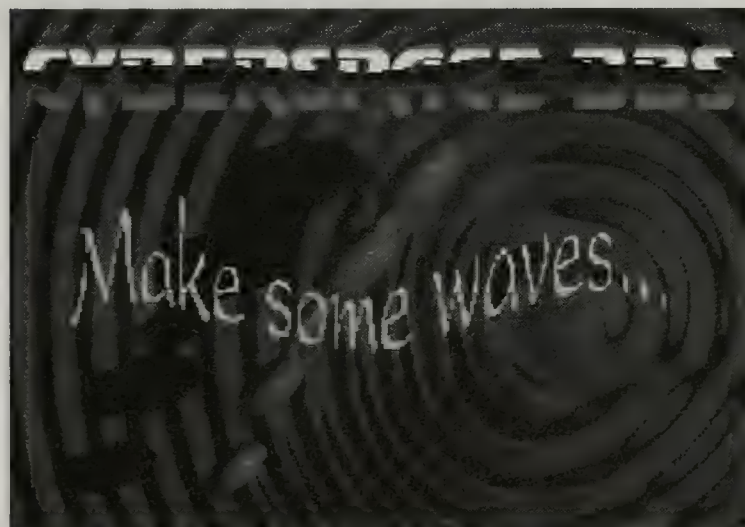
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	1	3	3

CyberNet is a general-interest multimedia BBS featuring files, messages areas, games, and Web services. Starlance, a graphical multiplayer space game, is a major feature. Be sure to

<b>Telnet</b>	cynol.com (199.0.180.2)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	<a href="http://www.cynol.com">http://www.cynol.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	sysop@cynol.com futaba@cynol.com
<b>Location</b>	Hato Rey, PR, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	787.250.6462 787.250.9914
<b>Software</b>	Excalibur
<b>Nodes</b>	8
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

download their Excalibur client before trying them out (you can get it from their Web site).

## Cyberspace BBS

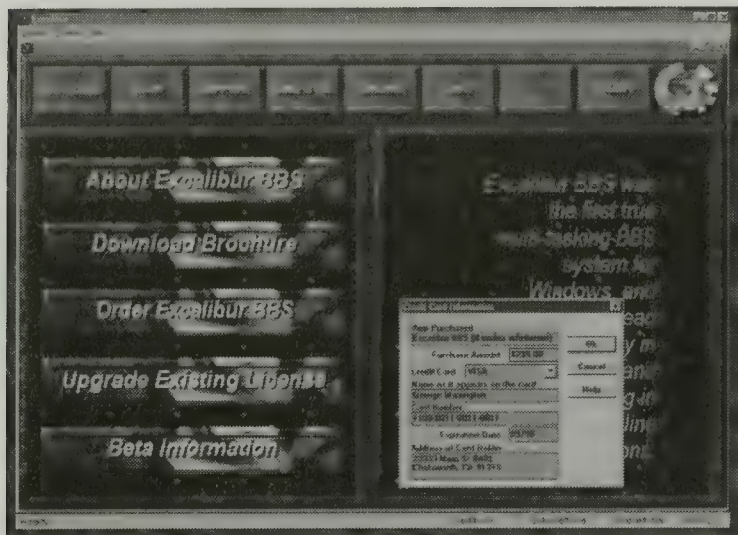


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

Cyberspace is an all-ages entertainment social system featuring hot multiplayer games like TeleArena and MajorMud, several online CDs and very active chat.

<b>Telnet</b>	cyberspace.grnet.com (204.96.30.25)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	204.96.30.25
<b>Web</b>	<a href="http://www.grnet.com">http://www.grnet.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	countzero@grnet.com
<b>Location</b>	Grand Rapids, MI, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	616.454.7800 616.454.3704
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	40
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Guest/New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

# CYBERSPACE HQ



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	3	4	3

## "The largest Excalibur BBS in the U.S."

Try out CHQ's multitasking Windows-based client, and see what an Excalibur BBS has to offer. Plenty of files, messages, chat, interactive graphical games, Internet access, daily news,

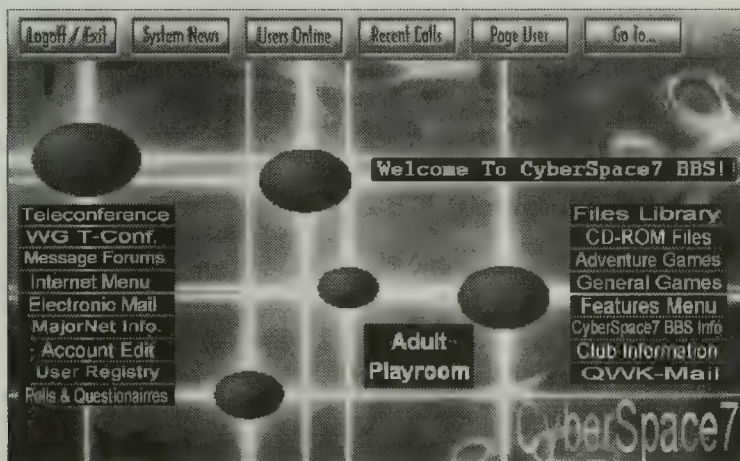
**Telnet** cyberhq.com (205.147.11.35)  
**FTP** ftp.cyberhq.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.cyberhq.com  
**Email** mck@cyberhq.com  
 webmaster@cyberhq.com

**Location** Los Angeles, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 818.709.8492 818.709.8493  
 818.709.8494 818.709.8495  
**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Auto Recognition  
**Access** General audiences

magazines, local info and more. CHQ is also an authorized reseller of Excalibur BBS for Windows.

Get a copy of the Excalibur client from the CHQ Web site, and give this site a try.

# Cyberspace7 BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

A general-interest entertainment system, C7 offers games, chat, and six CDs online. An adult playroom is also available for those twenty-one or older.

**Telnet** cyberspace7.ptd.net (204.186.5.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@cs7bbs.com

**Location** Leighton, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up**  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (wings@postoffice.ptd.net): "C7 is the friendliest BBS I've been to...they welcome you as soon as you log on."*



# CyberZone Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

## "Northern Wisconsin's Entertainment SOURCE"

CyberZone features all the regular good stuff—chat, games, Internet—and a few features you won't find anywhere else,

**Telnet** cybrzn.com (206.162.27.2)

**FTP**

**Finger** cybrzn.com

**Web** <http://cybrzn.com>

**Email** sysop@cybrzn.com  
cade@cybrzn.com

**Location** Marinette, WI, USA

**Dial-Up** 715.735.3742

715.735.3868

**Software** Worldgroup/MBBS

**Nodes** 45

**Pay** Yes

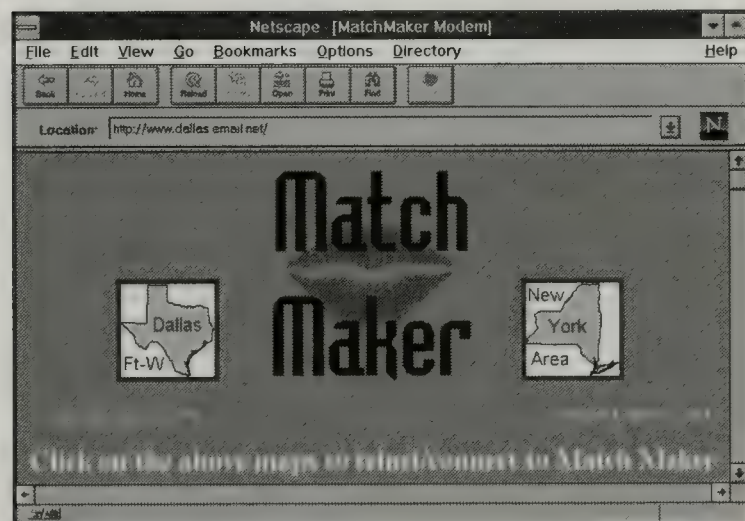
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

such as the CyberZone electronic cafe and live video conferencing via CU-SeeMe.

Not much access for visitors, so expect to come with your wallet ready.

# Dallas/Fort Worth MatchMaker Pen-Pal Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	4	0	3	2	3	2

A great place to meet some very friendly people online, Pen-Pal is a huge matchmaker-type BBS designed to bring people together. Very active chat area and message base.

**Telnet** dallas.email.net (204.181.110.2)

**FTP**

**Finger** dallas.email.net

**Web** <http://www.dallas.email.net>

**Email** matchmaker@dallas.email.net

**Location** Bedford TX, USA

**Dial-Up** 817.355.6600

**Software** UNIX/Custom

**Nodes** 100

**Pay** Yes

**Login** mm

**Access** General audiences



## Data Highway



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "Just plenty of fun"

Data Highway boasts "We don't do any silly linked teleconferencing, no garbage...just plenty of fun." Over twenty-five multiplayer games and 50-plus lines of chat make DH a fun and

**Telnet** dth.com (199.227.90.1)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** sysop@dth.com

bryce@dth.com

**Location** Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA

**Dial-Up** 305.797.9841

305.327.7338

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 51

**Pay** Yes

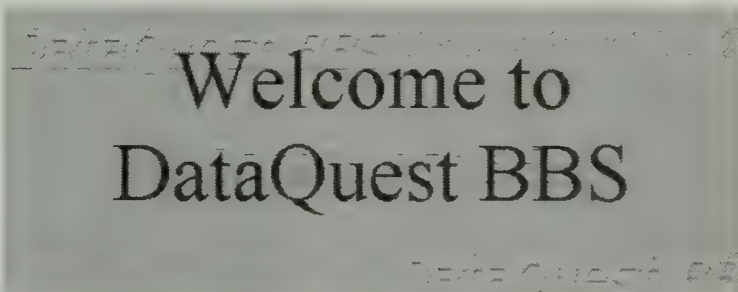
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

relaxing place to settle down in cyberspace. The accent is on congenial interaction and good sportsmanship.

A clean, organized, and well-lit cyber-community.

## DataQuest BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

Plenty of online games like MajorMud and TeleArena, multiplayer Doom and Heretic, and even an online casino make

**Telnet** dqbbs.com (206.139.86.130)

**FTP**

**Finger** 206.139.86.120

**Web** <http://dqbbs.com>

**Email** sysop@dqbbs.com

mpierce@dqbbs.com

**Location** Champaign, IL, USA

**Dial-Up** 217.359.0436

217.358.5138

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 14

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

DataQuest a fun diversion on the I'way. DataQuest offers chat areas and a large files area help to round out the board.

Limited free access for wayward thrill-seekers.

## DataSafe Publications BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	2	1	3	2	1

### "Support BBS for DataSafe MBBS products"

DSP is primarily a support board for DataSafe Software, producers of add-on products for MajorBBS systems. DSP is mostly frequented by sysops looking for updates and demos.

**Telnet** dsafe.com (199.190.74.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** dsafe.com  
**Web** <http://www.dsafes.com>  
**Email** sysop@dump.com

**Location** New Mexico, USA  
**Dial-Up** 505.294.1575

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Not much here to interest the ordinary Internet traveller, but of value to many sysops.

## DC Tavern



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "DC's Fastest Growing BBS"

All ages are welcome at the DC, a friendly neighborhood cyber-tavern. Special adult-only chat and files areas too. Free home pages for subscribers. Stop by for a free visit.

**Telnet** dracos.net (205.252.12.193)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.dracos.net>  
**Email** iberkner@dracos.net  
dracos@dracos.net

**Location** Fairfax, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.591.9419

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Del's Place BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	2	2	1	5	3

**"Come and chat with the friendliest people in the country!"**

Del's is a really cool place to hangout. Fantastic and original ANSI art greets you at every turn. With only a few games, a couple of CDs, and a few forums, Del's focus is on comfortable

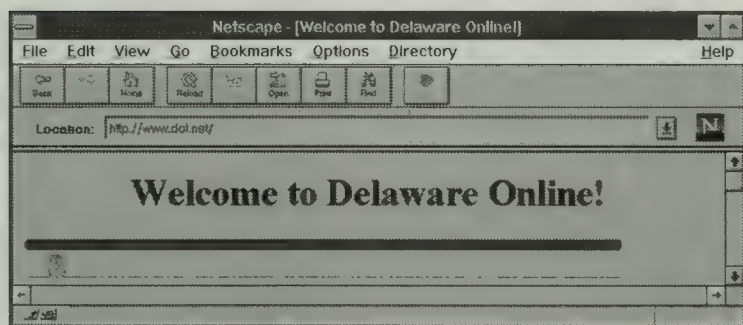
**Telnet** delsplace.com (204.245.241.76)  
**FTP** ftp.delsplace.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.delsplace.com>  
**Email** del@delsplace.com  
srrutle@delsplace.com  
**Location** Oregon City, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 503.655.1335

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

surroundings and lively chat. Live linkup with a sister board in Australia, too (I told you this place is cool).

Not all the pizzazz of some of the big guys, but a very nice hangout nonetheless.

## Delaware Online!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	3	2	4

**"Committed to Serving the Needs of the People of Delaware"**

DO focuses on local issues, especially those concerning the educational system, and parental issues in general. Local eco-

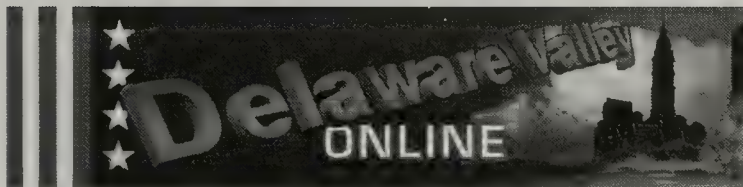
**Telnet** dol.net (204.183.91.2)  
**FTP** dol.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.dol.net/>  
**Email** eric@dol.net  
custserv@dol.net  
**Location** Wilmington, DE, USA  
**Dial-Up** 302.762.2003

**Software** TSX  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Their own name  
**Access** General audiences

nomic development information is also featured. Full Internet services as well, including Web space for individuals and businesses.



# Delaware Valley On Line



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	4	4	3

## "Philly's Source for Online Information"

DVOL services the Greater Philadelphia Region with up to the minute listings of local events and festivals, area concerts, theater and dance performances, museum and gallery exhibitions, area night clubs, restaurant guide and tourist attractions. In

**Telnet** dvol.com (206.20.144.10)

**FTP**

**Finger** dvol.com

**Web** <http://www.dvol.com>

**Email** sysop@dvol.com  
cosysop@dvol.com

**Location** Philadelphia, PA, USA

**Dial-Up** 610.259.2034

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

additional, local sports with the Philadelphia 76ers online! International Chat Link nightly, Usenet and Clarinet message bases, personal and classified ads, games, hobbies and lots of freeware and shareware.

Check 'em out for two free hours.

# deltaComm Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	3	3	3	3	3

## "Your Telix Support Source"

deltaComm Online is primarily a support BBS for Telix software. Users can get the latest versions of the popular Telix for DOS and Telix for Windows communications software pack-

**Telnet** delta.com (204.32.41.2)

**FTP** delta.com

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** sysop@delta.com

**Location** Research Triangle Park, NC, USA

**Dial-Up** 919.481.9399

**Software** PCBoard 15.21

**Nodes** 40

**Pay** Optional

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

ages. FidoNet and HobbyNet are also features, plus ten gigabytes of general shareware. Voted #3 best BBS in the 1993 *Boardwatch* reader poll.

Free for all registered Telix users.

## Deltronix Online

### Deltronix Online!

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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	1	3	2

Originally the Solar System BBS, Deltronix offers a choice selection of live door games, files and message bases. Since 1988, Deltronix has offered a friendly environment built around fun.

**Telnet** deltronix.com (207.17.212.61)  
**FTP** deltronix.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.deltronix.com>  
**Email** peterg@solar.org

**Location** Mission Viejo, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 714.837.3218

**Software** Wildcat 5.0  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Drop by using any telnet client...or try out the new Wildcat windows-based software (get it off the Web site).

## Dental-X-Change



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	3	4	3	3

### "Serving the Dental Community Worldwide"

DXC is a great place for all dental professionals to communicate and share information with the rest of the dental commu-

**Telnet** odont.com (199.190.92.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://odont.com>  
**Email** sysop@odont.com  
jmy@odont.com

**Location** CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 714.551.8451

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

nity. Featuring many dental discussion areas, as well as an electronic employment service for the dental industry. Earn continuing education credits, too! DXC also offers general online chat and shopping areas and shareware libraries.

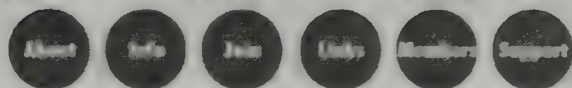


## Denver Exchange

*Welcome to*

# TDE Internet™

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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	4	4	3

**"Largest BBS in Colorado Serving the Alternate Lifestyle Community"**

DE is *the* place for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in Colorado and around the world to get together. Featuring dozens of discussion areas, over thirty AIDS/health-related publications,

**Telnet** BBS.tde.com (199.45.158.210)  
**FTP** ftp.tde.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.tde.com  
**Email** sysop@BBS.tde.com  
support@tde.com  
**Location** Denver, CO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 303.458.1227

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** 4-12 char handle  
**Access** General audiences

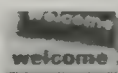
and a listing of local happenings. Over fifteen gigabytes of shareware and adult files, hot adult chat, and 100-plus online games.

Try them out for twenty-one days free.

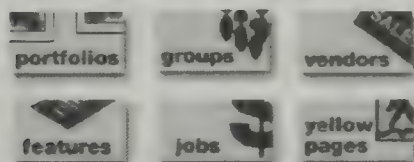
## Designlink

# DESIGNLINK

**Online Resource for Creative Professionals**



Welcome to Designlink. Click on the welcome icon to learn more about Designlink on the Net and Designlink's FirstClass™ online service.



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	1

Designlink is an online resource for creative professionals, offering support, job listings, a creative events calendar, and online portfolios. You'll need a copy of the First Class client

**Telnet** designlink.com (206.14.15.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.designlink.com  
**Email** ash@designlink.com

**Location** Walnut Creek, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.241.9927 510.933.9676  
510.845.4187  
**Software** FirstClass  
**Nodes** 17  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Pick your own UserID  
**Access** General audiences

software, which can be had from their very well-designed Web site.



# Dialdata Systems



## DIALDATA BBS



Conheça a DIALDATA BBS

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	3	3	2	3	2

### "The biggest BBS in Brazil"

Featuring a large file area, and lots of Portuguese-speaking conferences. Viva Brazil!

**Telnet** BBS.dialdata.com.br (200.246.225.7)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.dialdata.com.br>  
**Email** [info@dialdata.com.br](mailto:info@dialdata.com.br)

**Location** Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil  
**Dial-Up** +55.11.8228055

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 90  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

# Diamond Mine BBS



## The Diamond Mine BBS

*On-Line*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	4	1	2	1

One of the few BBSs on the Net running Virtual software, DM is a general-purpose BBS specializing in message forums and discussion on a wide range of topics. Diamond Mine is also the

**Telnet** diamond.interserf.net (205.244.8.89)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.nauticom.net/users/diamond/dmine.htm>  
**Email** [diamond@interserf.net](mailto:diamond@interserf.net)

**Location** Fredericksburg, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 540.898.9114

**Software** Virtual BBS  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

home of "sysops corner," offering BBS and Internet provider ad listings.

A cool place to hangout and discuss life, the universe, and all the rest.

# Digital Rain

## Digital Rain Online Services

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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	1	3	3

DR is a interesting combination of social matchmaking and great games. Digitized pictures enhance their membership registry (yes, you can see what these strange BBS people look like). On the gaming side, DR hosts a wide selection of interactive games, including their own original MUD-style fantasy

**Telnet** digital-rain.com (205.206.107.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @digital-rain.com  
**Web** http://www.digital-rain.com  
**Email** cnovak@prometheus.digital-rain.com  
sysop@digital-rain.com

**Location** Vancouver, BC, Canada

**Dial-Up** 604.543.3000

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 38

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

role-playing game loosely based on the science-fiction *Highlander* series called The Quickening.

Want to live forever? Immortality can be yours for free (for a limited time only).

## Digital Velocity BBS

**NORTEL ISDN**



The Digital Velocity Bulletin Board is here!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	2	4	3	4

### "Northern Telecom's Digital Velocity ISDN BBS"

Digital Velocity provides comprehensive information on ISDN communications (ISDN is a lot faster than your average modem), and maintains the official ISDN BBS List. Includes a

**Telnet** BBS.dv.nortel.net (137.118.5.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.isdn.nortel.net  
**Email** lloyd.buchfinck@digvel.rtp.nc.us  
InfoExpress@nortel.net

**Location** Research Triangle Park, NC, USA

**Dial-Up** 919.992.3059  
919.992.0407 ISDN

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 7

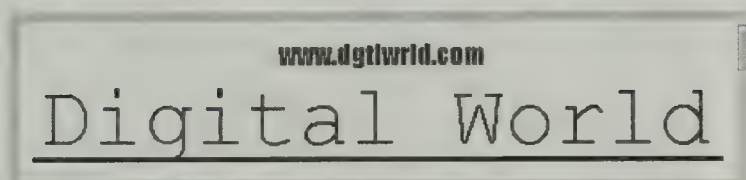
**Pay** No

**Login** First & Last name

**Access** General audiences

very comprehensive collection of information on services, providers, and equipment to utilize ISDN. If you ever wanted to know anything about ISDN, this is the place to start.

# Digital World



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	3	3

## "Delaware's Largest Public Bulletin Board System"

Digital World is an all-ages BBS offering games, chat, files, and Internet services. Play games such as Doom II and Hexen with other members online, or download from their 70,000-file PC

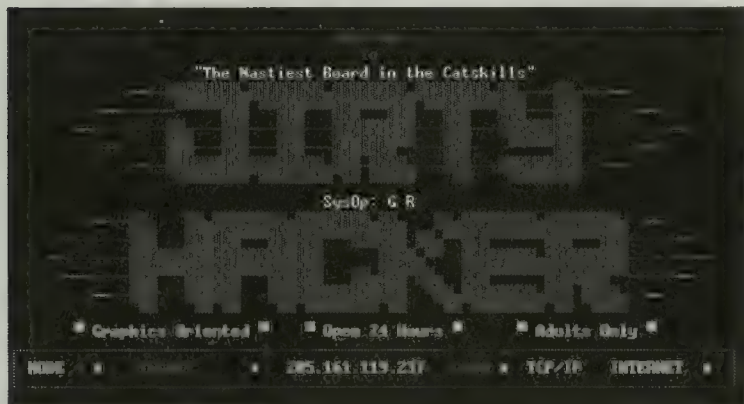
**Telnet** dgtlwrlld.com (206.66.101.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** dgtlwrlld.com  
**Web** <http://www.dgtlwrlld.com>  
**Email** sysop@dgtlwrlld.com

**Location** Hockessin DE, USA  
**Dial-Up** 302.234.6760  
700.234.6760  
**Software** Worldgroup 2.0  
**Nodes** 21  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and Macintosh library. Web design and maintenance services are also offered.

Try them out with a free seven-day trial membership.

# The Dirty Hacker BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	0	1	2	1

## "The Nastiest Board in the Catskills"

Make no bones about it...DH has been one of the nastiest little corners of cyberspace since 1989, and is a totally dedicated hard-core porn BBS. DH boasts that its adult collection of pic-

**Telnet** (205.161.119.237)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://205.161.119.237>  
**Email** grobins@mhv.net

**Location** Rock Hill, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 914.796.4566 914.794.5306  
914.791.7303  
**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real Names  
**Access** Adults only

tures, animations, and text files is one of the best on the Internet. "All high quality, no junk to plow through" says George Robinson, the Dirty Hacker himself.

Adults (ahem...porn hounds) only need apply.



# Disk Jockey Online

Portland Oregon's Leading Entertainment Bulletin Board System



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	3	4	3

## "A Virtual City on the Net"

DJO is a very active online community with distinct areas: "DJO-Live" features live chat and chat games (such as trivia and poker); "The Software Connection" features over seven gigabytes of IBM and Macintosh files, including a large collection of swimsuit GIFs; "Gamer's Paradise" includes mega-hits like MajorMUD and online Doom; "PDX Marketplace" meets your online shopping needs;

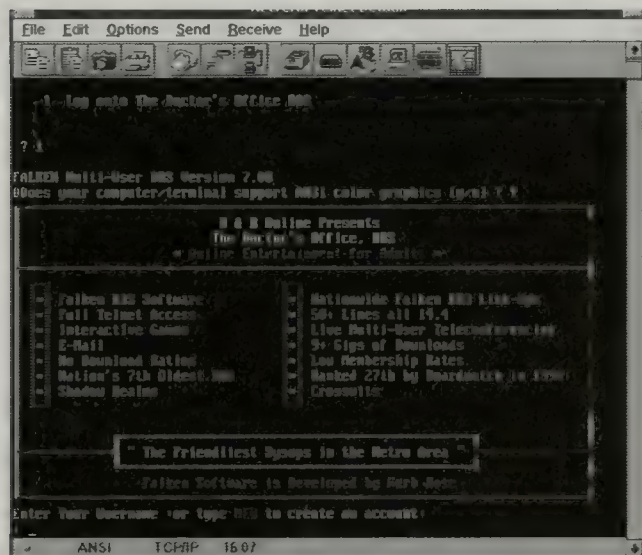
**Telnet** djo.com (204.245.214.1)  
**FTP** ftp.djo.com  
**Finger** @djo.com  
**Web** http://www.djo.com  
**Email** sysop@djo.com

**Location** Portland OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 503.636.4947 503.699.2130  
503.699.2136  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and "69-Online" features adult-oriented entertainment. DJO is a virtual town with everything you'll ever need, and now with the incredible Worldgroup Windows-based client, it's even better. Instant free time via email validations.

*User Comment (thevern@teleport.com):* "I like DJO for it's LORD game...they start you out well, and you get to play with up to four people at a time."

# Doctor's Office BBS/Falken Support BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	2	4	2

## "The Friendliest Sysops in the D.C. Metropolitan Area!"

Started way back in 1978, Doctor's Office (named after Ron "Doc" Walters) is the test site for Falken BBS software, and the host system for national Falken BBS chat linkups. Rated #27 in the 1994 Boardwatch Top 100 BBS contest, Doc's offers live chat with special nightly hosted chat games like Truth or

**Telnet** docs.dgsys.com (204.97.64.6)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** doc@dgs.dgsys.com

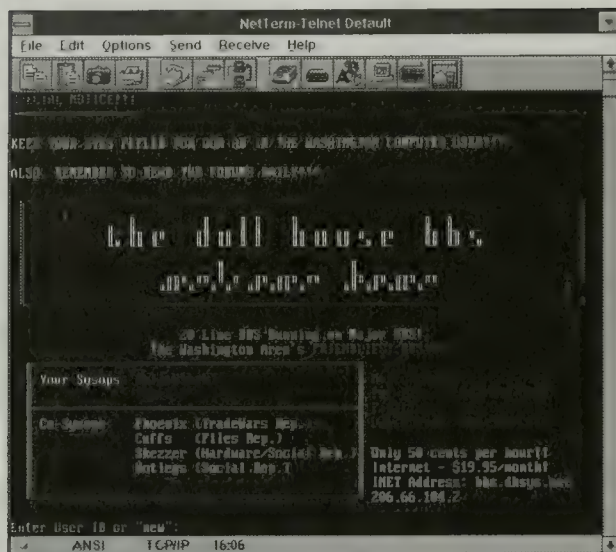
**Location** Washington, DC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.734.2860  
703.734.2880  
**Software** Falken  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Dare. Doc's also hosts its own special Shadow Realms MUD game for the fantasy role-playing enthusiast.

Check them out for two weeks of free access.

*User Comment (herb@doics.dgsys.com):* "Doc's runs Falken software, which is the best BBS software I've ever seen!"

## The Doll House BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	4	3

### "The Premier Adult Oriented BBS in the DC Area"

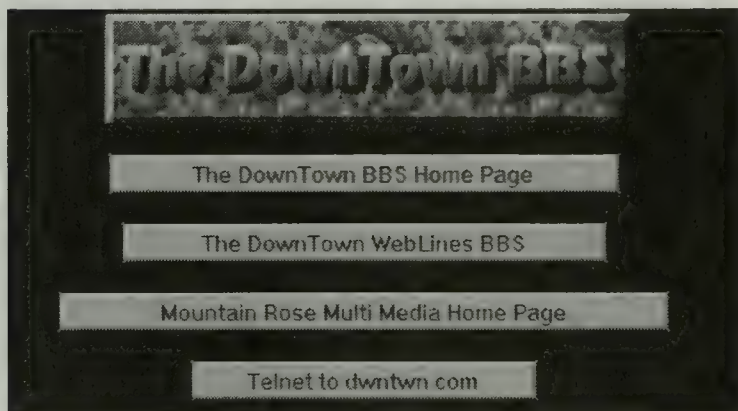
Known as DC's friendliest BBS, DH offers a social atmosphere with adult games and chat. Meeting people and interacting online is the main focus.

**Telnet** BBS.dhsys.net (207.19.80.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** BBS.dhsys.net  
**Web** http://www.dhsys.net  
**Email** sysop@BBS.dhsys.net  
 tweek@BBS.dhsys.net  
**Location** Springfield, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.569.8572

**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

*User Comment (tweek@BBS.dhsys.net):* "Great atmosphere, great sysops, and great support!"

## The Downtown BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	2	3	3	3

### "Specializing in Adult SVGA Graphics"

With over 4 gigabytes of adult GIF, GL, FLI and other graphics, and another thirty CDs of adult files, Downtown is a major Internet warehouse of the risqué. Downtown is also the North

**Telnet** dwntwn.com (205.148.204.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** dwntwn.com or user\_id@dwntwn.com  
**Web** http://dwntwn.com  
**Email** sysop@dwntwn.com

**Location** Los Angeles, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 213.484.0260  
 213.484.0314  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

American support and distribution center for Mountain Rose Software (an MBBS software developer).

Rates as low as six bucks a month.



# Dragon Keep International

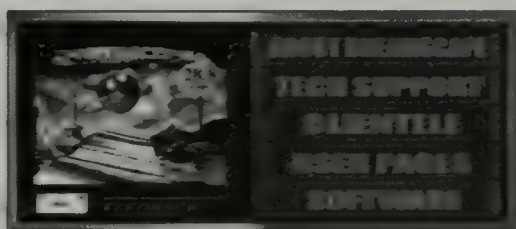


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
5	3	3	2	1	4	3

## "Prepare to Leave Your Mortal World"

Voted the #1 BBS in Florida by *Online Access* (1995 "Best National BBSs"), Dragon Keep is a cyber-landmark and unique online community. Started in 1987 on an old Atari, DK has grown into a 64 node mega BBS featuring great online games (and great online gamers), international chat linkups, and over 100,000 files with fourteen CDs.

## Dreamscape BBS



About - Tech - UserPages - Clientele - Software



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	4	1	3	4

Eighteen gigabytes of files and over 5,000 conferences are amongst Dreamscape's most popular features. Full Internet

**Telnet** dkeep.com (205.245.16.10)

**FTP**

**Finger** info@dkeep.com

**Web** http://dkeep.com

**Email** dragon@dkeep.com

cerebus@dkeep.com

**Location** Gainesville, FL, USA

**Dial-Up** 904.374.3500 904.375.6431

904.371.9558 904.378.7428

**Software** MBBS/WG

**Nodes** 64

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

DK is also the home of Game Net II, a huge game link where people from over 40 BBSs compete in DK Trivia, Swords of Chaos, DK Boxing Ring, and many more real-time interactive games. Dragon Keep members can also play games on any of the other Game Net game servers around the country.

Free trial time for all Internet travellers with instant validation using email (so ya don't have to wait to try it out).

**Telnet** future.dreamscape.com (199.64.128.3)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.dreamscape.com

**Email** scott.brennan@dreamscape.com

**Location** USA

**Dial-Up** 315.458.3482

315.452.3325

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

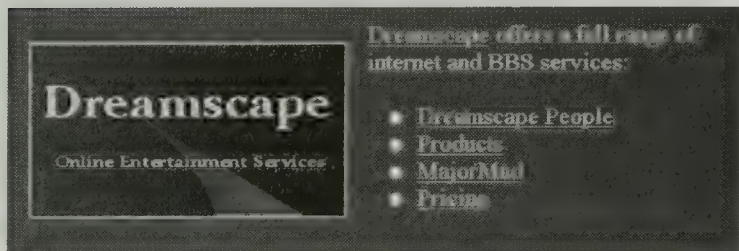
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

services are offered as well, including shell accounts and Web space for home or commercial pages.



## Dreamscape Entertainment Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	3	2	2

### "Home of West Coast Creations"

Home BBS for MajorMud, a premier fantasy role-playing game for MajorBBS, also found on quite a few Internet BBSs. Dreamscape is a general-purpose BBS with a definite leaning

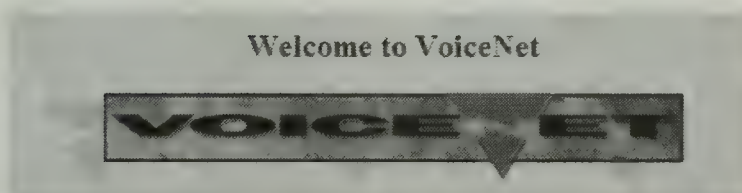
**Telnet** dscape.cyberstore.com  
**FTP** (204.244.18.12)  
**Finger**  
**Web** dscape.cyberstore.com  
**Email** <http://www.dsoe.com>  
sysop@dscape.cyberstore.com

**Location** CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 604.739.3764

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

toward the gaming community. Sysops can pick up the latest updates, while users can play-test the latest versions of West Coast software products.

## DSC BBS/Voicenet (Datamax/Satalink Connection BBS)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	3	3	1	3	3

DSC offers eleven networked message conferences, a large adult file section, and over ten gigabytes of shareware files. Full Internet newsgroup feed (over 10,000 Usenet conferences)

**Telnet** dsc.voicenet.com (192.204.28.9)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**

**Location** Ivy, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 215.443.7390

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login**  
**Access** General audiences

and just about any other imaginable Internet service are also offered.

## DSIT online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	1	2	3

### "Your Link to the Internet"

DSIT is a general-interest type of BBS with a bit of something for most visitors, including lively chat areas. Supports the Worldgroup GUI client, or regular telnet.

**Telnet** online.dsit.com (206.239.27.26)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.dsit.com  
**Email** rvaughn@dsit.com

**Location** Centreville, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.818.3124

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## DSP Information & Entertainment



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "A Clean, Well-Lighted, Place for Internet"

Files (four-plus gigabytes), chat, matchmaker services, and interactive games make DSP a good general-interest system.

**Telnet** BBS.dsp.com (199.4.121.3)  
**FTP** ftp.dsp.com  
**Finger** dsp.com  
**Web** http://www.dsp.com  
**Email** support@dsp.com  
info@dsp.com

**Location** San Francisco, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.865.9778  
415.337.9077

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Eager Beaver Computers MBBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	2	3	3

Eager Beaver features a nice selection of online CDs, and has some very nifty ANSI artwork. Since it is run out of a local

**Telnet** beaver.com (204.188.52.20)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email**

**Location** Spokane, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

computer store, it has an interesting online shopping mall full of computer products.

## ECTech—BBS Excellence



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	3	1	3	2

Over 100,000 files, dozens of tasty door games, and a healthy portion of message forums, are what you'll find on the menu over at ECTech.

**Telnet** BBS.microsys.net (206.183.194.11)  
**FTP** BBS.microsys.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.microsys.net  
**Email** jcharter@microsys.net  
 gstark@microsys.net

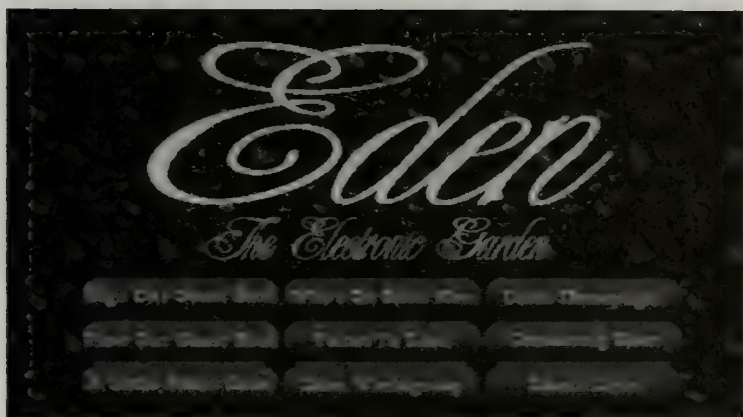
**Location** Riverside, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 909.780.5175

**Software** Wildcat! 5.0 Beta  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Get 30 minutes a day free just for stoppin' by.



## Eden BBS

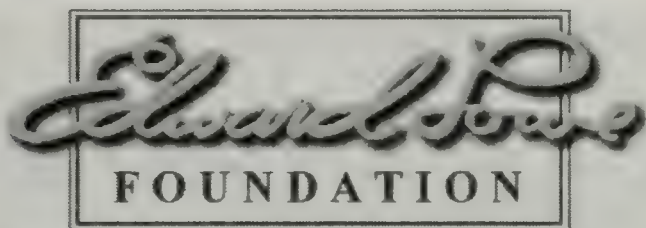


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	3	1	4	3

### "Southern California's Hottest Adult Online Social Club"

Looking for some adult interaction? Then Eden is the place you've been looking for. Designed as an adult online community, Eden offers a special chat network called Adultlink, connecting many adult chat sites from around the world.

## Edward Lowe Foundation BBS



**S**mallbizNet -- Services for small business

**A**bout the Foundation

**E**ntrepreneurial Edge -- The Entrepreneur's Magazine

**What's New?**

**Help for first time users!**

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	3	5	2	2

### "Dedicated to Helping American Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses Succeed"

The slogan says it all...this is a BBS with a specific purpose in mind: helping the small business owner. A tremendous database of information geared to the entrepreneur is online, with useful information on how to start and run a business. A great

**Telnet** edenbbs.com (199.190.73.2)

**FTP**

**Finger** info@edenbbs.com/edenbbs.com

**Web** http://edenbbs.com

**Email** Sysop@edenbbs.com

Sysop@EDN (Majornet)

**Location** Newport Beach, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 714.548.1900 310.838.1707

909.276.2900

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 40

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

Be sure to try the optional Worldgroup Windows client for some spectacular graphics and point-and-click ease of use.

*Daniel Vesely, sysop:* "We try to create an atmosphere that makes women feel comfortable and unharassed, as we know they are a valuable online commodity."

**Telnet** BBS.lowe.org (192.195.202.2)

**FTP** BBS.lowe.org

**Finger** BBS.lowe.org

**Web** http://www.lowe.org

**Email** sysop@ed-lowel.org

**Location** Cassopolis MI, USA

**Dial-Up** 616.445.4342 616.445.4311

616.445.4312 616.445.4313

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup

**Nodes** 38

**Pay** Yes

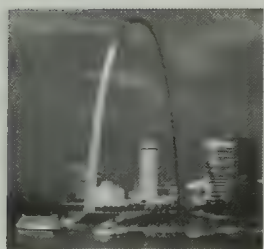
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

resource for the home-based business, too. ELF maintains links to over 500 CDs worth of info (wow!), complete with a search and retrieve database for easy access. This is also the home site for the smallbizNet Web data warehouse of business information.

The only question I have is...who IS Edward Lowe?

## Electric City BBS



### Welcome to Electric City BBS On The Web!

Internet IP: @205.216.202.121

(314) 351-7028

St. Louis, Missouri

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	3	4	2

EC uses a Windows client (Excalibur) that lets you perform multiple tasks simultaneously. So you can be on EC looking over its world news service, participating in some hot chat with

**Telnet** i1.net (205.216.202.121)

**FTP** 205.216.202.121

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.i1.net/~ultracom>

**Email** [ultracom@i1.net](mailto:ultracom@i1.net)

**Location** St. Louis, MO, USA

**Dial-Up** 314.353.8771

**Software** Excalibur

**Nodes** 12

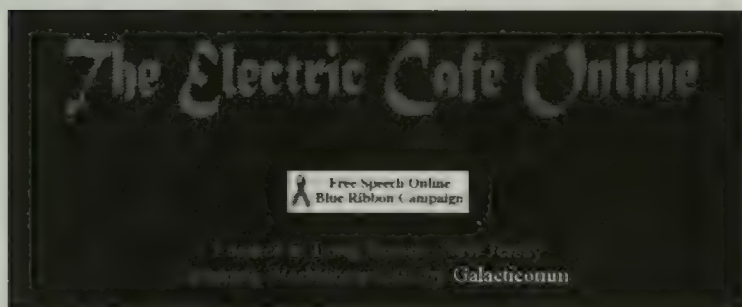
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

the EC locals, and scanning the local real estate market, all without having to interrupt your download of favorite hard-core pornography. Gosh, I love efficient computing ;} .

## The Electric Cafe BBS!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	3	1	3	3

The Electric Cafe is a family-oriented community featuring a great selection of online games like Trade Wars and Farwest Trivia and supports Game Connection for multiplayer Doom,

**Telnet** [cafebbs.com](http://cafebbs.com) (206.62.44.17)

**FTP**

**Finger** [info@cafebbs.com](mailto:info@cafebbs.com)

**Web** <http://www.cafebbs.com>

**Email** [sysop@cafebbs.com](mailto:sysop@cafebbs.com)  
[staff@cafebbs.com](mailto:staff@cafebbs.com)

**Location** Long Branch, NJ, USA

**Dial-Up** 908.222.3848

**Software** Worldgroup 1.01

**Nodes** 12

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Hexen, and Descent. Over 300 active message areas with QWK mail offline reader support. Chat is provided in both the local flavor, and via a built-in IRC client.

# The Electronic Universe BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	2	3

## "Take a look and enjoy!"

The Electronic Universe is a general-interest BBS with all the usual features. All subscribers get one megabyte of free Web space, which is a nice add-on.

**Telnet** e-universe.com (206.101.206.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://e-universe.com  
**Email** sysop@e-universe.com

**Location** USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

EU has an unusual slogan when it comes to billing: "No setup charge because you set it up." I suppose it's honest :-).

# The Elevator

## Welcome to The Elevator BBS!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	2	3

Originally started in 1992 as a two-line renegade BBS (called Flashback's Revenge), the Elevator has grown to a sixteen-line

**Telnet** elevator-BBS.com (204.97.12.40)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** elevator-BBS.com  
**Web** http://elevator-BBS.com  
**Email** sysop@elevator-BBS.com  
flashbak@twain.oit.umass.edu

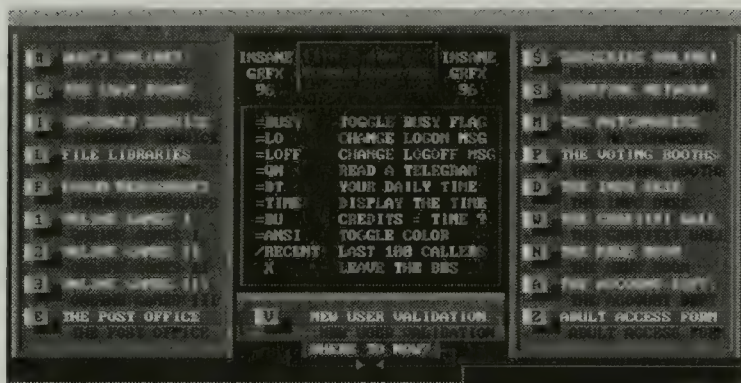
**Location** Greenfield, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 413.773.0436

**Software** Major BBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

BBS and full Internet provider. Multiuser games and chat are the main features of this BBS.



## The Eleventh Hour



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	3	3

### "The Largest Adult File Area in Virginia!"

You're just in time to check out the Eleventh Hour BBS and adult-only community in Virginia Beach. Eleventh Hour fea-

**Telnet** eleventh.com (205.156.5.71)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** insane@eleventh.com

sunbabes@eleventh.com

**Location** Virginia Beach, VA, USA

**Dial-Up** 804.460.0642

**Software** Worldgroup/MBBS

**Nodes** 24

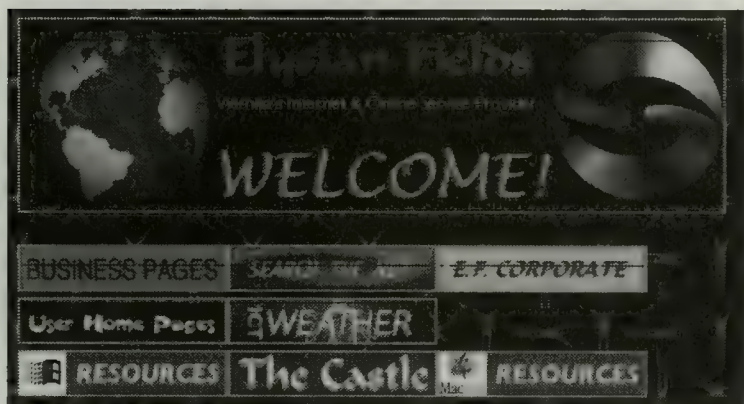
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

tures a massive adult file section, hot adult chat areas, and enough multiplayer games to keep you busy 'til midnight. Online shopping, too.

## Elysian Fields



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	1	1	3	2	5

EF seems to be one of those support BBSs for a local Internet provider, geared more toward an abundant offering Internet services. EF will not only get you on the Internet, but can help

**Telnet** castle.elysian.net (204.181.47.5)

**FTP** server.elysian.net

**Finger** @castle.elysian.net

**Web** http://www.elysian.net

**Email** chris@elysian.net

root@server.elysian.net

**Location** Wichita, KS, USA

**Dial-Up** 316.267.5125

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 44

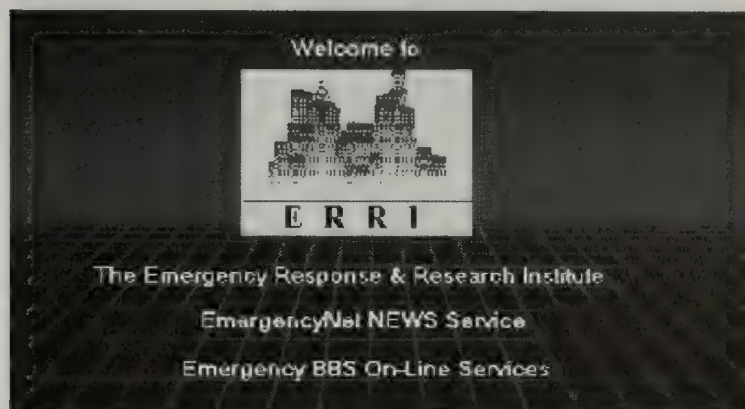
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

you set up your own Internet business as well. EF resells Galacticomm products, consults and configures MBBS and UNIX systems, and capably provides large business services.

## Emergency BBS On-Line Services

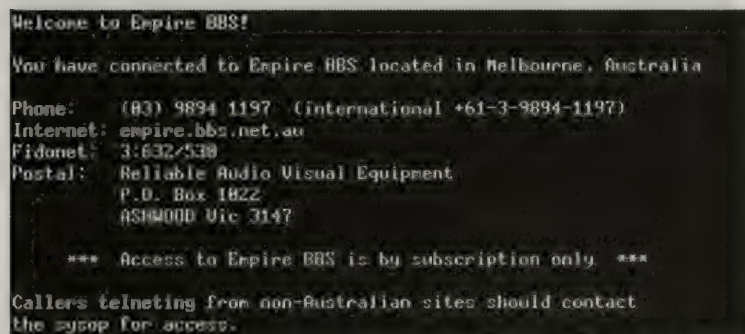


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	4	2	5	3	2

### "The Fire/Police/EMS Station on the Internet"

Emergency BBS On-Line Services is a specialty board for emergency service personnel and the home of the EmergencyNet News Service. Emergency is a service of the Emergency Response & Research Institute, originally founded to provide information for medical rescue agencies and then expanded to include fire, police, military, and disaster response agencies.

## Empire BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	1	3	2

Empire's main feature is games...and it supplies them in abundance. Falcon's Eye, Barren Realms and L.O.R.D. are just a few. If games aren't your thing, you can always drop by to chat with a few of the local Melbournites, or look over their large selection of Amiga and PC files.

**Telnet** emergency.com (205.243.133.2)  
**FTP** emergency.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.emergency.com>  
**Email** sysop@emergency.com

**Location** Chicago IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 312.631.3467 312.631.0987  
312.631.3950 312.631.0517  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

This BBS maintains a vast file library of technical information files on medical emergencies, counter-terrorism, drug interaction, and biohazards. Counter-terrorism information includes analyses of incidents, terrorist leaders, methods, and future threats. Emergency also maintains what may be the most comprehensive database of emergency response information in the world.

**Telnet** empire.BBS.net.au (203.20.80.1)  
**FTP** empire.BBS.net.au  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** mattc@empire.BBS.net.au

**Location** Melbourne, VC, Australia  
**Dial-Up** +61.3.9591.0020

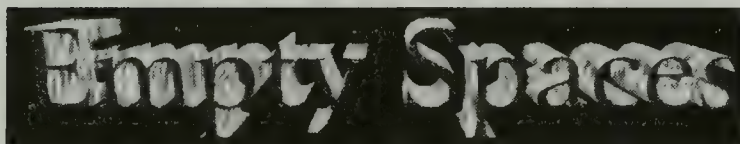
**Software** TSX-BBS  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Name  
**Access** General audiences

Free access for non-Australian telnetters upon request.

*User Comment (mantracn@inter.net): "It's cool man. It rocks like pudding pie."*



## Empty Spaces BBS/ElekSys Internet



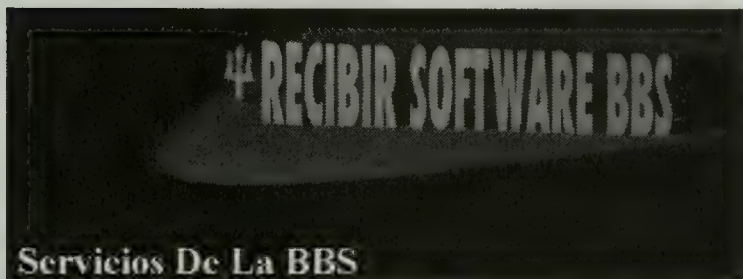
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "A Wonderful Online Community"

A general-interest BBS featuring files, games, chat (including Interlink chat linkups to other BBSs), and forums. Adult areas for those over eighteen.

**Telnet** BBS.empty.com (198.30.235.51)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.empty.com>  
**Email** [info@BBS.empty.com](mailto:info@BBS.empty.com)  
[sysop@BBS.empty.com](mailto:sysop@BBS.empty.com)  
**Location** Columbus, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 216.236.6669  
216.236.3079  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## ENCIS-NET



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	1	3	3

BBS en Castellano, que ofrece conexión básica a Internet, con IRC, Forums, Correo, Librerías de ficheros, etc.

**Telnet** BBS.encis.es (194.179.69.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.encis.es/ficheros/BBS.html>  
**Email** [Sysop@BBS.encis.es](mailto:Sysop@BBS.encis.es)  
**Location** Valencia, Spain  
**Dial-Up** +34.6.351.25.55  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Encis-Net is a general-interest Spanish BBS with basic Internet access.



## The Endless Forest



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	3	2	3	1

**"Alternate space/time continuums exist for the known reality. You are about to enter one..."**

From serious debate to babble, the spirit of EF is camaraderie of online folks looking for a good time. Started back in 1983 on an Apple IIe, EF has moved around a bit, finally finding its

Telnet forest.novia.net (204.248.24.8)  
 FTP  
 Finger ef@forest.novia.net  
 Web http://forest.novia.net/~ef/  
 Email rfulk@novia.net

Location Omaha, NE, USA

Dial-Up 402.390.2638

Software Writ-Works/CPU-Works

Nodes 1

Pay No

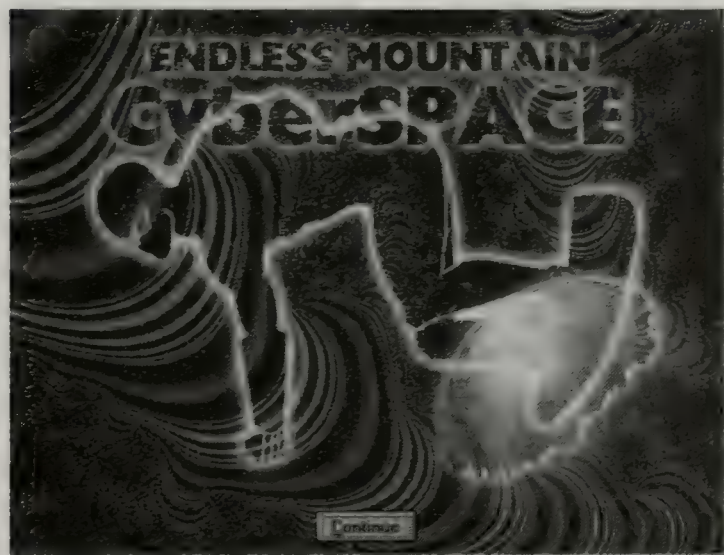
Login ef

Access General audiences

home on a DEC Station 5000 running software written by the sysop himself. EF caters to all types, "from PCers and UNIX-heads, to mainframe masochists and Mac maniacs."

If you're looking for a free system for interesting discourse, stop on by.

## Endless Mountain CyberSPACE



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	3	1	4	3

**"Your direct link to the future..."**

EMC is built for fun, with many areas to play in. Games, chat, and files are equally provided in generous helpings. Mixed with

Telnet emcyber.com (204.228.94.100)  
 FTP emcyber.com  
 Finger emcyber.com  
 Web http://www.emcyber.com/  
 Email sysop@emcyber.com  
 cosysop@emcyber.com

Location Tunkhannock, PA, USA

Dial-Up 717.836.7267 717.378.7722  
 717.836.8930

Software Worldgroup 1.01

Nodes 20

Pay Yes

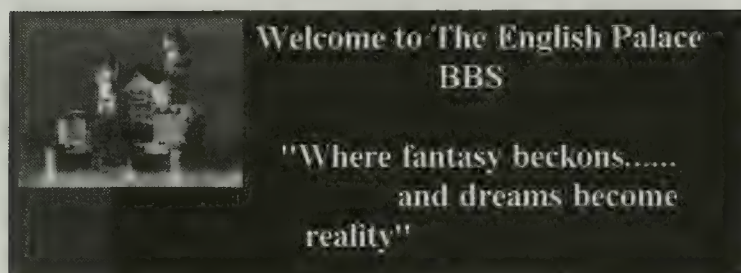
Login New

Access General audiences

a friendly and interesting bunch of users, EMC is a cyber-village worth visiting.

User comment (swoop@emcyber.com): "I like the way things are always changing...getting better every day!"

# The English Palace BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	4	3	3	4	3

## "The World's Largest B&D, S&M, Fetish BBS"

EP is a very serious sexual fetish board, with an extensive library of kinky information and picture files, whip-cracking message bases, and thoroughly disgusting chat areas. Exactly

**Telnet** palace.com (199.171.54.2)  
**FTP** 199.171.54.2  
**Finger** palace.com  
**Web** http://palace.com  
**Email** Cwalker@palace.com

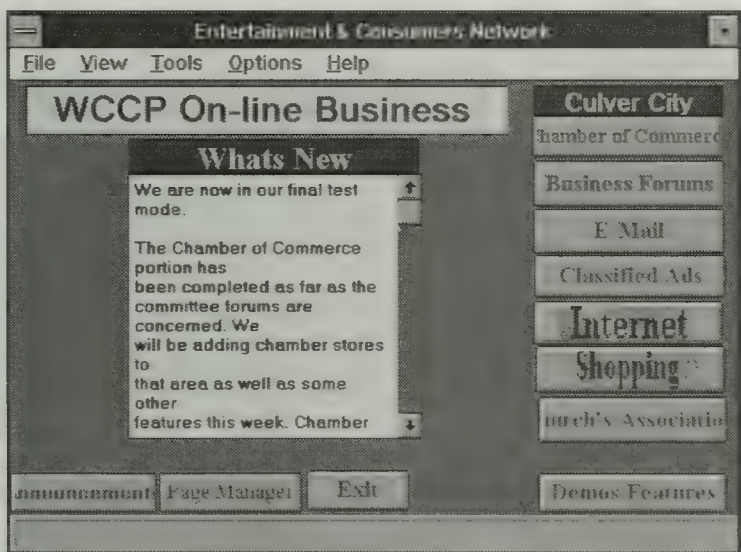
**Location** Keyport, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 908.739.1755

**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 140  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

what the dominatrix ordered!

If this is what you're in to, you may have found a home in cyberspace.

# Entertainment and Consumers Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	1	2	3	3

ECN offers a good selection of online games and a complete electronic shopping mall. Compete in their weekly online trivia contest, or chat with friends from around the world.

**Telnet** ecn.ecn.com (198.211.192.146)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.ecn.com  
**Email**

**Location** Culver City, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 301.204.6007

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 64  
**Pay**  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Download their fancy Worldgroup Windows-based client software and telnet over for a four-week free trial.



# Escape



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	2	1	2	5

## "The Great Escape"

Escape had very humble beginnings. Started in 1986 on a Commodore 64, and only online at night, Escape averaged ten to fifteen callers a day. Escape now receives several thousand

**Telnet** Escape.com (198.6.71.10)  
**FTP** Escape.com  
**Finger** Escape.com  
**Web** <http://www.escape.com>  
**Email**

**Location** New York, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 212.888.8212

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** guest  
**Access** General audiences

calls a day on over 200 phone lines and across the Net on their T1 (i.e., very fast) digital circuit. Escape is a huge Internet provider with some local BBS features as well, such as a message and file base.

## eSoft Support and Demo BBS



## The Bread Board System (TBBS)

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	1

## "Home of TBBS"

eSoft BBS is a support and demonstration system for The Bread Board System (TBBS), a multiline BBS software product. eSoft also makes the Internet Protocol Adapter, IPAD, an

**Telnet** esoft.com (199.45.143.2)  
**FTP** esoft.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.esoft.com>  
**Email** sales@esoft.com

**Location** Aurora, CO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 303.699.8222

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** demo user (no pwd)  
**Access** General audiences

Internet connectivity tool for bulletin boards and small business.

You'll want to check out this system, and TBBS, if you're looking at starting up your own Internet BBS.



# EuroGate

## The EuroGate OnLine Service

### Welcome!

Thank you for using our WWW server. This system provides Internet Connectivity for Travellers to Europe and Worldwide Travel Information for InterNetters.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	2	5	3	1

### "Your Gateway to Europe"

EuroGate is a wealth of information for the world traveller (or tourist wannabe), featuring travel information on *all* world capitals. EuroGate generously supplies gobs of info about the social, economical, political, tourist, and entertainment inter-

**Telnet** eurogate.iit.nl (193.67.253.33)  
**FTP** iit.nl  
**Finger** @iit.nl  
**Web** http://eurogate.iit.nl  
**Email** sysop@iit.nl

**Location** Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**Dial-Up** +31.20.6994763  
+31.20.6958228  
**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 1  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ests for each city. You can even design your own travel guides, combining the information in their massive travel database and tailoring the vacation of your dreams exactly to your specific requirements.

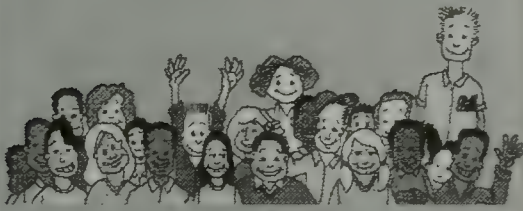
So...where do you want to go?

## EveryBaudys Online

**EVERYBAUDYS ONLINE**  
*New England's Friendliest Service*

Manchester modems: (603) 668-2983  
Concord modems: (603) 268-0901  
Nashua/Salem modems: (603) 425-5154  
WWW: <http://busstop.com>

to: RULEN Communications, Inc.  
814 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03101  
(603) 645-0101



Sysops: Big Ed and Zoomer

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	5	2	1	1	4	3

### "New England's Friendliest Online Service"

Originally started as a political roundtable, EveryBaudy has become a warm and inviting retreat for chatters from around the world. Chat is the key feature for EveryBaudy, and it comes in a wide variety of flavors for just about everyone and any age: adult-only, kids-only, anonymous, and trivia-chat, just

**Telnet** grolen.com (205.247.203.67)  
**FTP** 205.247.203.67  
**Finger** grolen.com  
**Web** <http://www.grolen.com>  
**Email** edlennon@grolen.com  
sysop@grolen.com

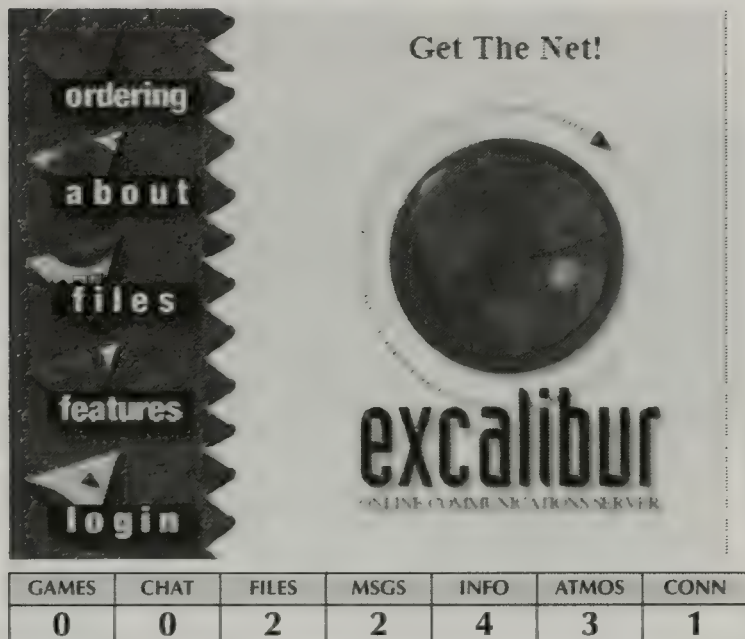
**Location** Manchester, NH., USA  
**Dial-Up** 603.668.2983 603.268.0901  
603.425.5154  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

to name a few. National chat link-ups are also a favorite over here on this friendly Manchester corner of the Internet.

Stop by and say hi to "MOM."

*User comment (jongross@busstop.com):* "Very friendly chat area with some free access to all, and cool contests."

## Excalibur Headquarters BBS



Get The Net!

ordering  
about  
files  
features  
login

excalibur  
ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS SERVER

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	1

**“Sales and Support BBS for the Excalibur BBS for Windows”**

Excalibur, the original GUI Windows-based BBS, is one of the fastest, most user-friendly BBS packages available, and also

**Telnet** @excaliburbbs.excalbbs.com  
**FTP** (@204.96.206.54)  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** http://www.excalbbs.com  
excalibur@excalbbs.com  
**Location** Tulsa, OK, USA  
**Dial-Up** 918.496.8113

**Software** Excalibur BBS for Windows  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

has one of the most flexible graphics capabilities of any BBS around. Interested in starting your own Excalibur system? Give the HQ a call.

## ExecNet Information Systems



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	3	3	3	3

**“Serving the BBS and Internet community for 10 years!”**

ExecNet is a general-purpose BBS, including daily news and weather updates and a very well maintained 100,000-plus

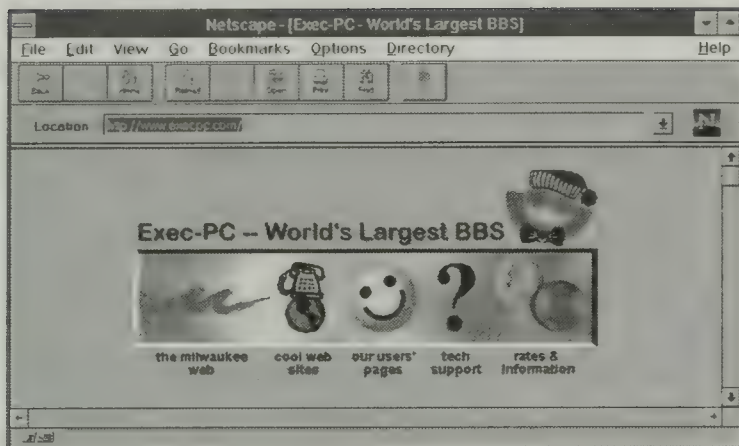
**Telnet** execnet.com (206.181.98.136)  
**FTP** ftp.execnet.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://explorer.execnet.com/  
**Email** akeeves@earth.execnet.com  
support@execnet.com  
**Location** Mount Vernon, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 914.667.4567

**Software** PCBoard/PowerWeb  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

shareware file library. ExecNet is a winner of the “Dvorak Award for Excellence in Telecommunications,” and has been featured in *Boardwatch* magazine. The Web site is worth visiting too, with “site of the day” links.



# ExecPC



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	5	2	2	3	5

## "The Largest PC-Based BBS in the World"

If the file you're looking for isn't on ExecPC, then it doesn't exist. ExecPC is the largest BBS in the world both in terms of the number of nodes (over 400) and the number of files (over 600,000 online). Even before the Internet became the fad, ExecPC was one of the best BBSs ever created, and now it's accessible from anywhere in the world. Does it get any better

**Telnet** BBS.execpc.com (169.207.2.3)

**FTP** ftp.execpc.com

**Finger** info@execpc.com

**Web** http://www.execpc.com

**Email** help@execpc.com

New Berlin, WI, USA

**Location** 414.789.4210

**Dial-Up**

**Software** Custom

**Nodes** 300

**Pay** Yes

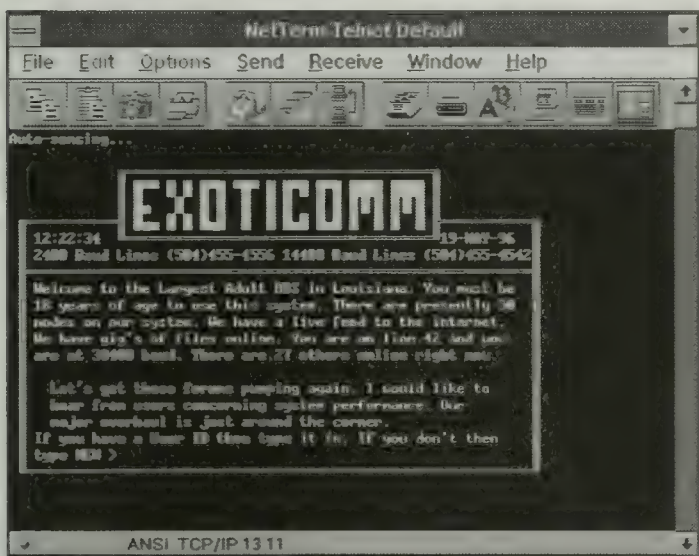
**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

than this? Yes...not only is ExecPC the largest file warehouse on the Net, but it also features the fastest and most powerful file search utility (called hyperscan) available anywhere either on or off the Net.

Greg Ryan, sysop of Execpc: "Our goal is to have every single publicly available file in existence."

# Exoticomm BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	1	3	3

## "Louisiana's Premier Adult BBS"

Connected to the Internet on a fast T1 digital linkup, Exoticomm promises gigabytes of hard-core adult files and plenty of hot chat.

**Telnet** BBS.exoticomm.com (204.181.179.2)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.exoticomm.com

**Email**

**Location** New Orleans, LA, USA

**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 50

**Pay** Yes

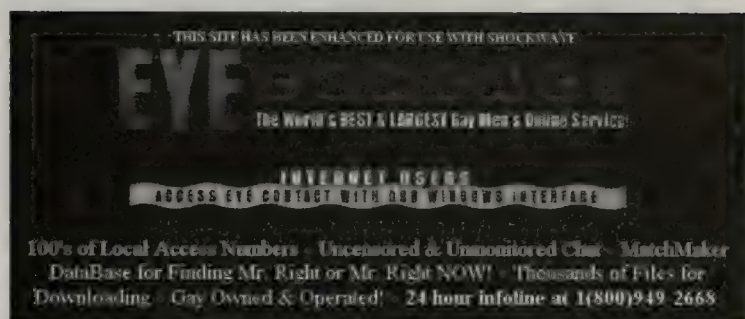
**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

For an adult BBS, Exoticomm is a cyber-bargain at only ten bucks a month.



## Eye Contact BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	3	2	4	3

### "The Gay Online Center of the Universe"

Gay owned and operated, EC is directly accessible from over 1,300 local phone numbers throughout the world (but you'll have to contact them for the numbers...too many to print here!), as well as through the Internet. EC typically has 80-100

**Telnet** BBS.eyecon.com (204.94.37.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.eyecon.com>  
**Email**

**Location** USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.703.8200  
MBBS

**Software**  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

members in chat every night! Lots of adult files, too.

If you are gay, this is probably the biggest and best gay-oriented online community available in cyberspace. Located in San Francisco.

## The Eyes of Time BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	2	2	2	4	3

### "We Are the Eyes of Time"

A unique BBS running on an Amiga 2000, EOT caters to a wide variety of users in its online community, including students from the Austin School for the Blind who use special speech devices to communicate online. International chat link-ups, called joinlinks, are also very popular.

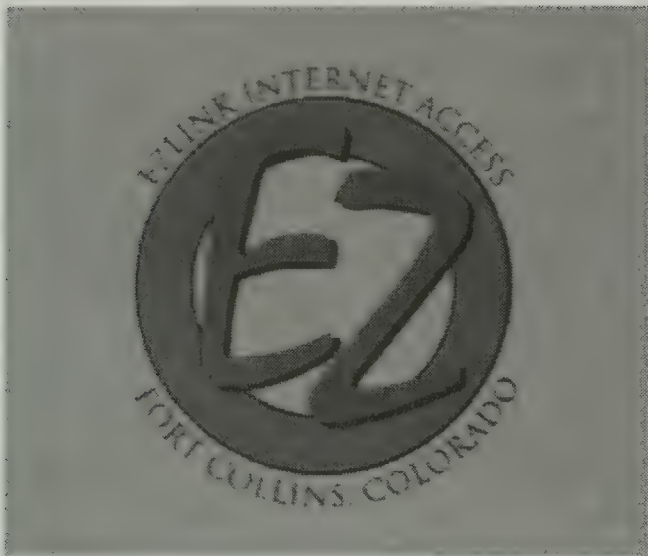
**Telnet** eyesoftime.com (198.6.201.206)  
**FTP** eyesoftime.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.eyesoftime.com>  
**Email** piper@eyesoftime.com

**Location** Austin, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 512.371.7177 512.371.7282  
512.371.7283

**Software** CNet Pro  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

A quote from the EOT Web site: "We have come to you from Eons ago, from a Time so Ancient, You were just a thought in your Creator's Brilliancy. We are nothing but a Manifestation of our own Life Form, Quite different from yours, yet serving the same Celestial Plane."

## EZLink Internet Access



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	1	2	1	2	3

EZLink is primarily an Internet provider for SLIP and shell accounts, but does maintain a menu-based BBS with easy

**Telnet** ezlink.com (199.45.150.1)  
**FTP** ftp.ezlink.com  
**Finger** ezadmin@ezlink.com  
**Web** http://www.ezlink.com  
**Email** alan@ezlink.com

**Location** Fort Collins, CO, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 3  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** guest or ezlink  
**Access** General audiences

access to most Internet functions and a dial-out gateway to twenty other local BBSs.

## EZNet

### EZNet

**TELNET:** [eznetny.com](http://eznetny.com)

**WEB:**

**FTP:**

**EMAIL:** [mzenker@eznetny.com](mailto:mzenker@eznetny.com)  
[dlinsala@eznetny.com](mailto:dlinsala@eznetny.com)

Long Island NY USA

516.354.5353

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	3

### "Helping People on the Net"

EZNet is a great resource for Internet newbies trying to find their way around on the I'way. A wealth of Internet help files,

**Telnet** eznetny.com (198.4.60.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** mzenker@eznetny.com dlinsala@eznetny.com

**Location** Long Island, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.354.5353

**Software** Novalink Pro  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

tutorials, and friendly and helpful staff are sure to get even the most basic novice surfin' in no time. They also offer custom Macintosh and PC client software to make things even easier.

# Familytown Online



Welcome to the Familytown Home Page, Info, and Index.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

**"Very friendly system full of people who have no idea what they are doing!"**

Well, they must know *something* about what they're doing to offer a full-featured BBS and be an Internet provider for their

**Telnet** familytown.com (198.207.169.2)  
**FTP** ftp.familytown.com  
**Finger** familytown.com  
**Web** http://www.familytown.com  
**Email** sysop@familytown.com

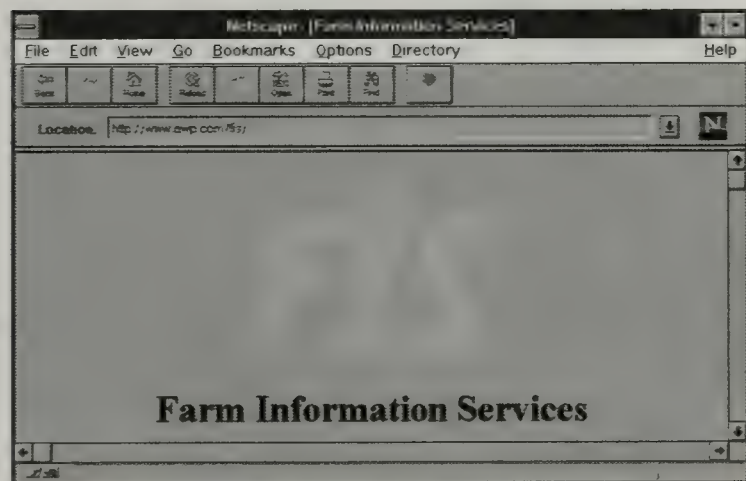
**Location** New Lenox, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 815.462.1387

**Software** Games and Internet  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

local area. Stop by and learn about the online world right along with the sysops :-).

*User Comment (butthead@familytown.com):* "It's family oriented and always lots of fun!"

## Farm Information Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	5	2	4

### "Worldwide Farming Information"

FIS is a BBS dedicated to agriculture professionals, offering a wealth of information including grain and livestock prices, worldwide agri-marketing, weather, and agricultural futures trading. FIS also offers a range of Internet services for the pro-

**Telnet** fis.awp.com (163.123.162.2)  
**FTP** fis.awp.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.awp.com/fis/  
**Email** support@fis.awp.com  
kevin.kindle@fis.awp.com

**Location** Calgary AB, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 403.290.4868

**Software** TSX-BBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** as themselves  
**Access** General audiences

fessional, include FTP and Web space, mailing lists, and even your own BBS. The emphasis is on the Canadian market.

Mooooove on over and see how well your soy futures are tradin' today.



## Fast! BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	3	4	3	3	2

### "The OFFICIAL RemoteAccess Support Board for South Africa"

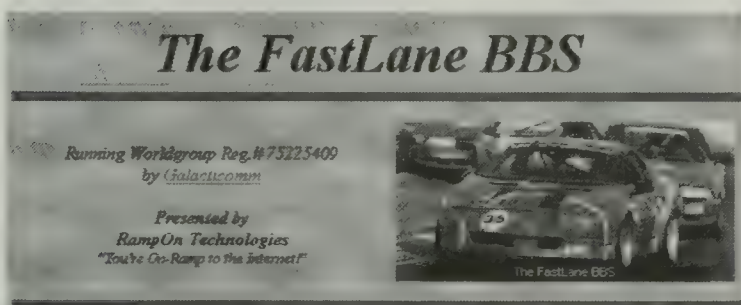
You'll notice the international flavor of Fast! as soon as you sign up. Fast! supports most major languages such as English, French, Spanish, German, and Dutch, as well as less known languages like Svenska, Suomi, Afrikaans...and even Star

**Telnet** BBS.fast.co.za (196.23.34.2)  
**FTP** ftp.fast.co.za  
**Finger** node??.fast.co.za  
**Web** http://www.fast.co.za/welcome.html  
**Email** graeme@fast.co.za  
sysop@fast.co.za  
**Location** Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa  
**Dial-Up** +27.11.706.1749 +27.11.463.4940  
+27.11.463.6981 +27.11.706.0209  
**Software** Remote Access V2.02/Pro  
**Nodes** 6  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest or Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Trek (?). Fast! is the support and distribution site for a number of software products (Allfix, BlueWave, MOM, RemoteAccess, and more), and carries a vast assortment of international mail conferences (FidoNet, X-FilesNet, TopNet, BibleNet, FamilyNet, and several others).

For something a bit out of the ordinary...

## The FastLane BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	3	3	3

### "Get on the FASTLANE to fun!"

The FastLane BBS is not only a family-oriented entertainment system, but also most of what it offers is *free*. FL is located in Kaysville, Utah, which happens to be the location of the 2002

**Telnet** flbbs.com (198.60.81.193)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** flbbs.com  
**Web** http://flbbs.com  
**Email** sysop@flbbs.com  
dflliton@flbbs.com

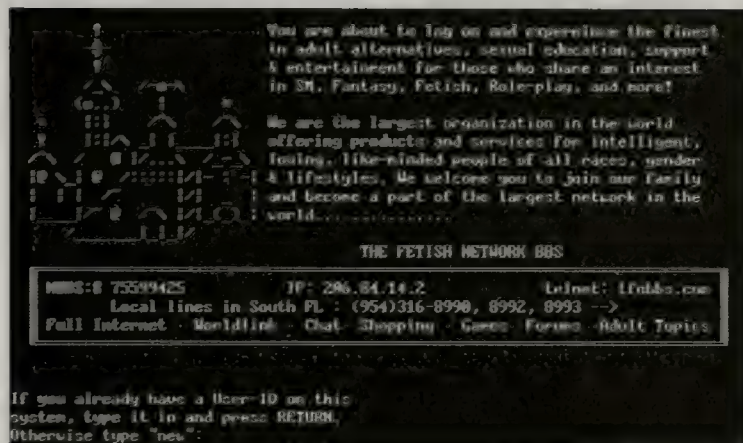
**Location** Kaysville, UT, USA  
**Dial-Up** 801.544.0257

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Winter Olympics, and the BBS has already dedicated areas for information seekers going to the games.

FL is a small but well-rounded BBS featuring a nice selection of just about everything, including Doom gaming, and a few CDs.

## The Fetish Network BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	3	3	3

The Fetish Network is an all-adult system specializing in adult products and services for sale.

**Telnet** fetish.wisenet.com (204.160.226.5)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** sysop@fetish.wisenet.com

Miami, FL, USA

**Location** 305.370.7007

**Dial-Up** MBBS

**Software**

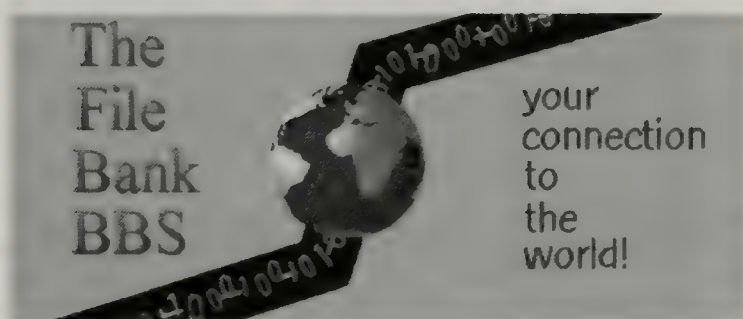
**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

## The File Bank BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	5	5	3	3	4

“...your connection to the world...”

FB has been a literal “file bank” for almost ten years now, and has one of the most outstanding file collections available anywhere. Files are collected from BBSs around the world, and even brought in via satellite feed! The result is two to five megabytes of new files every day. Adult-only file sections are also available.

**Telnet** BBS.tfb.com (204.212.132.12)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.tfb.com>

**Email** bob.laszko@filebank.cts.com

jlasko@tfb.com

**Location** Fallbrook, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 619.728.4318

**Software** PcBoard

**Nodes** 25

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

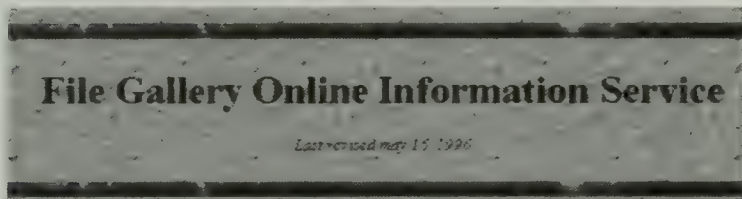
**Access** General audiences

But FB isn't merely a file warehouse. FB also maintains over 600 international message conferences, ranging in topics from beer brewing to constitutional law. The RIME echo-mail network and Internet newsgroups are featured.

Take the time to stop by this very professionally-run BBS for a one-week free trial membership!



# File Gallery Online Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	3	3	3

## "Puerto Rico's leading online service"

File Gallery is a virtual meeting place for Puerto Ricans and Net surfers from around the world. FG also provides a local and international news feed, updated daily. FG's 40,000-plus

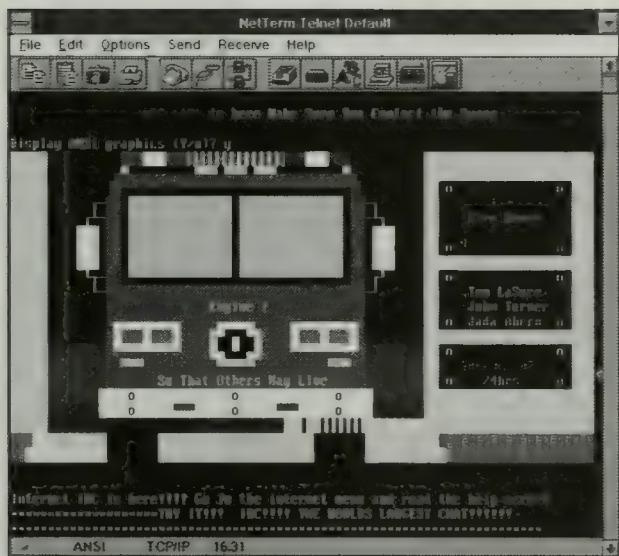
**Telnet** fgallery.com (205.160.226.5)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** fgallery.com  
**Web** <http://fgallery.com>  
**Email** Sysop@fgallery.com  
Paco@fgallery.com  
**Location** Rio Piedras, PR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 787.283.1090

**Software** Worldgroup MBBS  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

file libraries cover the range of shareware from business to games. FG hosts get-togethers every month.

One month free trial memberships to Internet visitors.

# The Fire House Inn



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	2	4	3	3

## "Home of the Southwest's Largest US Civil War Library"

The Fire House is definitely the place for history buffs, featuring the largest selection of US Civil War information and pic-

**Telnet** fhouse.org (205.199.189.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://fhouse.org>  
**Email**

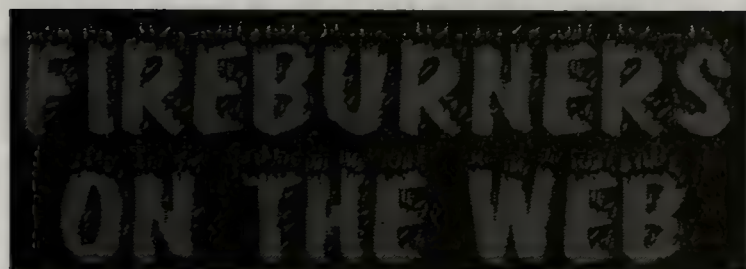
**Location** Tucson, AZ, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

ture files available on the Net. Plenty of regular files, online games, and chat, too.



## FireBurners BBS Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	1	3	3

FireBurners is a general-interest BBS that utilizes the brand new Wildcat5 client software that just plugs in to your

**Telnet** BBS.fbo.com (205.162.232.4)  
**FTP** ftp.fbo.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.fbo.com>  
**Email** dbindley@fbo.com sysop@fbo.com

**Location** Toledo, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 541.336.4538

**Software** Wildcat 5  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Netscape Web browser. Good collection of shareware files, message bases, and door-type games, too.

## First Impressions BBS

### *First Impressions Adult BBS*

*New York's Finest Adult BBS.*

First Impressions is an interactive BBS system available for people 21 years of age and older. By accessing First Impressions, you will agree that you are of legal age.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	2	2	2	3	3

#### "New York's Finest ADULT BBS"

A BBS for *all* lifestyles: swinging, bi/gay/lesbian, ts/tv/tg, singles, D&S, and B&D (if you don't know what these acronyms

**Telnet** BBS.firstimpress.com (206.136.129.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.firstimpress.com/>  
**Email** grizzly@firstimpress.com

**Location** Hauppauge, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.234.4446

**Software** Major BBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

stand for...be grateful). Monthly meets in real life, too (gads!).

Say hi to Grizzly if you happen to wander by and pick up some free time.

## The FiX

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Kitchener Area	745-5527 28k
Guelph	248-8888 28k
Stratford/Tavistock	462-6888 28k
Owen Sound Area	372-8333 14k
Hanover Area	364-2233/3183 28k
Palmerston Area	343-4866 28k
Holstein/Mt Forest	334-3888/3828 28k
Wingham Area	357-3615 14k
Clinton Area	482-7692 14k
Woodstock/Paris	463-5557 28k
Technical Support	745-5513 (K-U Area)
	1-888-643-5832 (Toll-Free)

The New Owen Sound 28.8kbps access number is 372-8779

If you already have a User ID on this system, type it in and press RETURN.  
Otherwise type "new":

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

Lots of games, files, and very active chat.

**Telnet** the-fix.sos.on.ca (199.212.143.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @the-fix.sos.on.ca  
**Web** http://www.sos.on.ca  
**Email** sysop@the-fix.sos.on.ca fang@the-fix.sos.on.ca

**Location** Kitchener, ON, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 519.745.5527 519.372.0333  
 519.357.3615 519.240.0060

**Software** Worldgroup/Major  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (mark@network.sos.on.ca): "Everything from files to forums to chatting, the fix rewlz :)."*

## The Floating Pancreas BBS

Last UpDate MAY 13, 1996

# The FLoatInG PanCreas BBS

206.154.135.150

TeLeFT: ViSiToR: 00655 (are Much 2)

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	4	4	4	4	3

**"LarGe roTten rodEnT livERs...and a coMforTaBle buZZ..."**

The FP BBS is meant to shock you. A quick visit to their Web site lets you know pretty quickly that this is NOT an ordinary BBS (you are greeted by a graphic of Christ on the Cross with the caption "How's it Hangin").

**Telnet** pancreas.com (206.154.135.150)  
**FTP** pancreas.com  
**Finger** pancreas.com  
**Web** http://www.pancreas.com  
**Email** mc@pancreas.com  
 sysop@pancreas.com

**Location** Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** none  
 Worldgroup

**Software** 64  
**Nodes** Optional  
**Pay** New  
**Login** Adults only  
**Access**

If you are easily offended...or even not so easily offended...proceed with caution. But if you're looking for an adult-oriented, totally balls-to-the-wall free-speech BBS, then you definitely want to check out this place. Whether you're into techno-terrorism or just need a good bomb-making manual, FP also offers a complete selection of anarchy-related files. Need I say more?

## The Flower Link BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	4	3	2

### "Your link to flowers and gifts on the Internet"

It's Valentine's Day and you forgot to order those flowers...what's a cyber-punk to do? Easy...log on to Flower Link and have those flowers sent the same day to almost anywhere in the world!

**Telnet** flowerlink.com (199.234.116.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@flowerlink.com  
**Web** http://www.flowerlink.com  
**Email** sc4x@andrew.cmu.edu

**Location** Lebanon, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 717.270.2964

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

The FL BBS offers more than just flowers in its online garden. Games, files, chat, Internet, and sports news can be found growing there as well.

Stop on by and smell the roses...(sorry, I just had to).

## Fly by Knight, Ltd. BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	1	1	1	3	3

An entertainment-based BBS located in Oceanside, CA, offers a wide variety of online games and chat—teleconference games like trivia and blackjack, interactive role-playing games

**Telnet** fbkltd.com (192.91.198.65)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** fbkltd.com, info@fbkltd.com  
**Web** http://www.fbkltd.com  
**Email** knight@fbkltd.com  
sysop@fbkltd.com

**Location** Oceanside, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 619.754.0129 619.744.9373  
619.538.4971 619.277.7522

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

such as Crossroads, Kyrandia, Forbidden Lands, as well as popular space-conquest games like Trade Wars.



# FOURNET

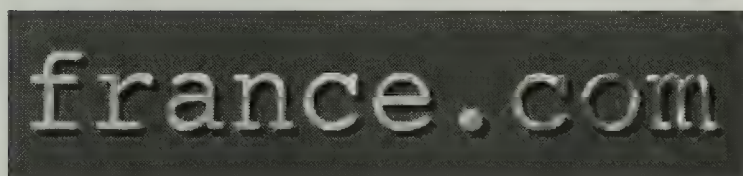
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	1	2	1	2	3

Four.NET is primarily a UNIX-based Internet provider, but also offers a free chat and message forum on the BBS portion of the service. Log in as *guest* to try them out.

**Telnet** FOUR.net (198.70.45.3)  
**FTP** FOUR.net  
**Finger** FOUR.net  
**Web** <http://www.four.net>  
**Email** [chrissy@FOUR.net](mailto:chrissy@FOUR.net)  
[chrissy@shell.portal.com](mailto:chrissy@shell.portal.com)  
**Location** Wareham, MA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 508.291.1774

**Software** UNIX/VMS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** guest or new  
**Access** General audiences

## France Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	3	5	4	3

### "The BBS of the French-speaking community"

You can almost see the Eiffel Tower, smell the French pastries, as you visit this predominantly French-speaking BBS. In fact, if I knew how to read French, I could tell you a lot more about this place :).

Here's what I do know: FO offers over twelve French-speaking

**Telnet** france.com (199.4.122.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.france.com>  
**Email** [sysop@france.com](mailto:sysop@france.com)

**Location** Los Angeles, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 310.441.7280

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

magazines online, French-chat, access to a huge French-language database (minitel), and just about anything and everything you would need to know if planning a trip to France.

But if you can't actually afford a vacation to France, then you can at least visit France Online for a truly French online experience.

## The French Connection BBS



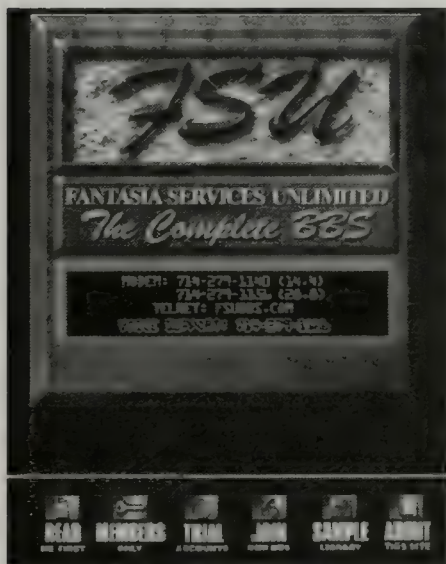
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	4	1	1	3	2

The French Connection specializes in fine adult entertainment with over 750,000 adult files online to download. Only eighteen and older need apply.

<b>Telnet</b>	(206.170.76.1)
<b>FTP</b>	ftp.genesisnetwork.net
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://www.genesisnetwork.net/fcbbs/index.html
<b>Email</b>	chris@genesisnetwork.net Riverside, CA, USA
<b>Location</b>	909.361.0186
<b>Dial-Up</b>	
<b>Software</b>	Excalibur
<b>Nodes</b>	32
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Your Name
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

Grab a copy of their Excalibur Windows-based client from the Web site.

## FSU BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	4	1	1	3	3

### "Top Quality Adult Entertainment"

Fantasia Services Unlimited (FSU) has been around for an amazing fourteen years. Their motto is "You don't stick around as long as we have without doing something right!" FSU is a large adult system specializing in high-quality adult (mostly

<b>Telnet</b>	fsubbs.com (206.162.7.2)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	fsubbs.com
<b>Web</b>	http://www.fsubbs.com
<b>Email</b>	g.p@fsubbs.com sysop@fsubbs.com
<b>Location</b>	Anaheim Hills, CA, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	714.279.1140
<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup v2.0
<b>Nodes</b>	28
<b>Pay</b>	Optional
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

hard-core) images—and they have over 300,000 pics online to prove it. Try them out using the Worldgroup Windows client for a real hot and heavy multimedia experience.

A great value at only ten bucks a month.

## Full Access BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	1	1	4	3

### "A fun place with a warm heart"

A friendly Wisconsin chat board always ready to help out a newbie. Full Access is also known for their offline parties,

**Telnet** fab.bossnt.com (198.150.37.210)

**FTP**

**Finger** fab.bossnt.com

**Web**

**Email** pegasys@fab.bossnt.com

oldenburg@aol.com

**Location** Janesville, WI, USA

**Dial-Up** 608.755.9587

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 26

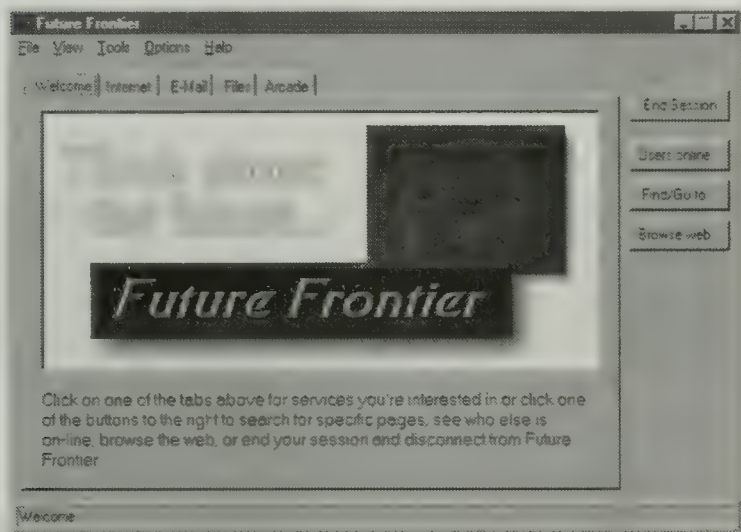
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

where people gather from around the United States to experience unique activities such as Golf Cart Water Wars and Naked Coed Swimming. Lots of fun online too... :=) .

## Future Frontier



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

Future Frontier has come a long way since Scott started the BBS on a single phone line out of his bedroom. Well...the BBS is now in his office, though he still prefers to run the system from "a comfy chair in the corner of his bedroom."

**Telnet** fft.com (165.247.241.2)

**FTP** fft.com

**Finger** @fft.com or <user-ID>@fft.com

**Web** http://fft.com

**Email** sysop@fft.com

**Location** Tucson, AZ, USA

**Dial-Up** 520.323.2886

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 38

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

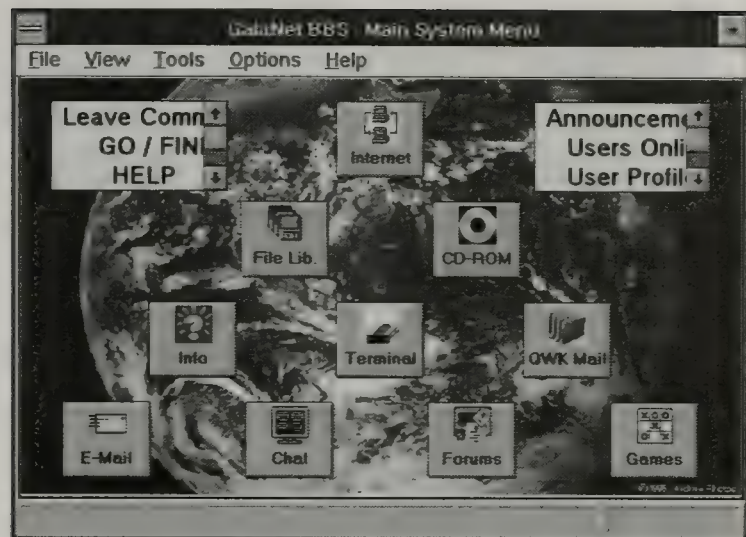
**Access** General audiences

Frontier offers a good selection of online games, including Global Destruction and Tele-Trivia, as well as Game Connection for Doomers.

Half-price for Internet telnetters.



## GaiaNet BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	3	1	3	3

What? A free BBS in Beverly Hills, a.k.a. 90210 land? Believe it or not, that's exactly what GaiaNet is, offering a full range of features including multiplayer games (plus Doom) and Califor-

**Telnet** BBS.gaianet.net (199.3.117.69)  
**FTP** ftp.gaianet.net  
**Finger** info@BBS.gaianet.net  
**Web** http://www.gaianet.net  
**Email** sysop@gaianet.net  
 postmaster@gaianet.net  
**Location** Beverly Hills, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 310.724.8965

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

nia chat. Throw in a few CDs, FidoNet message bases, and a mega Game-Net connection, and I'm sold.

Who says ya can't get sumpin' for nutin'. Try these guys out right now.

## Galacticomm DEMO System



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	3	3	4	3	3

The Galacticomm Demo BBS is the electronic showcase for Galacticomm, creators of MBBS (MajorBBS) and Worldgroup BBS communications software. The BBS not only serves as a support tool for MBBS sysops worldwide, but is also the primary file archive for MBBS support and demonstration files.

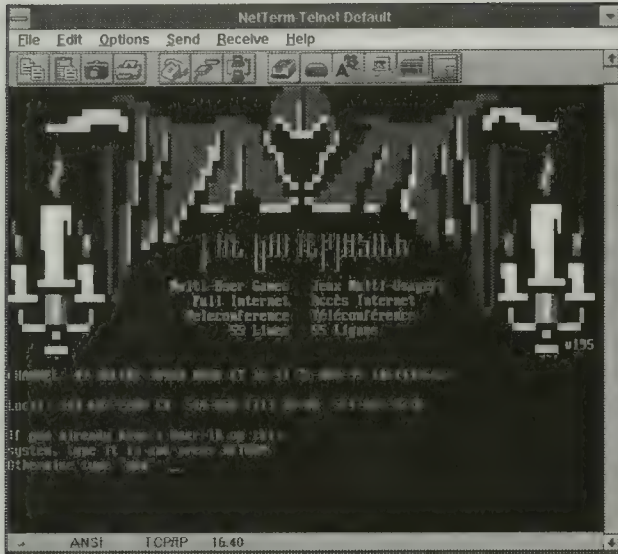
**Telnet** gcomm.com (206.30.202.14)  
**FTP** gcomm.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.gcomm.com  
**Email** sysop@gcomm.com

**Location** Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 305.583.7808

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 256  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

If you're an MBBS sysop, this place is familiar to you. If you're thinking of starting up your own Internet BBS, this is where you need to start. Almost 70% of all Internet BBSs in the world run the software these guys wrote.

## The Game Master



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	3	4	3

Game Master is a friendly online community featuring a huge selection of multiplayer games, including Swords of Chaos, TeleArena, ShadowRealms (their own Unique MUD), Trade Wars, War of the Worlds, and enough board games to please even the more hard-core gamer. Game Master is also a member of Game Net, so inter-BBS competition with gamers from around the world is sure to keep things challenging. Live chat

**Telnet** gm.gamemaster.qc.ca (199.84.216.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://gm.gamemaster.qc.ca  
**Email**

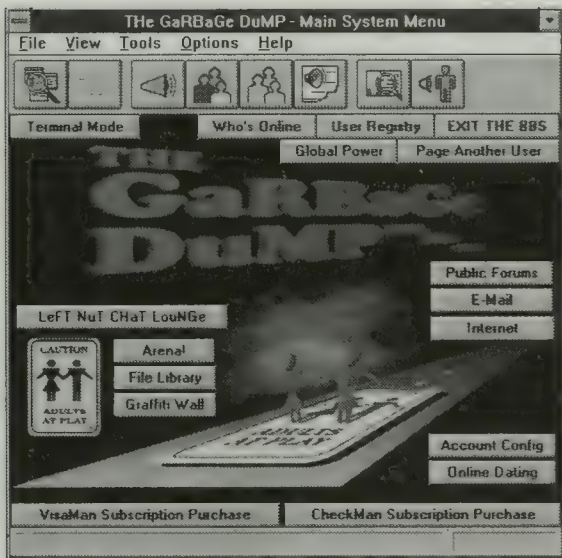
**Location** Quebec, Canada  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

is also a fun diversion in this game-oriented community. Game Master is the home BBS for Vircom software, makers of MajorTCP/IP for Galacticom's Worldgroup BBS software.

Game Master, located in Quebec, is also bilingual (French and English).

## THE GaRBaGe DuMP BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	4	3

### "Caution: Adults at Play!"

The Dump is a very large adult-only online community offering a bit of something for everyone. Unlike most adult systems, the Dump offers no pornographic files, instead focusing on adult

**Telnet** dump.com (204.134.96.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.dump.com  
**Email** sysop@dump.com

**Location** Albuquerque, NM, USA  
**Dial-Up** 505.294.6260 214.602.3412  
 303.457.1111 602.331.5029

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 170  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

interaction in stimulating real-time chat and exciting multiplayer games. A massive shareware file library is also online.

Don't let the name fool you, this is no dump. Thirty days free trial for visiting "dumpsters."



# Gateway Online



Connecting Metro Detroit

Welcome to Gateway Online!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	4	3	4

**"Detroit's largest online information and entertainment source"**

Social interaction is the key to Gateway's success, and Gateway users regularly get together offline for parties and meetings. Gateway also features a live news feed with current and updated headlines, weather, and sports information.

## The Global Blind Exchange (GBX)

Hello and Welcome! to GBX, the warm fuzzy zone here on the internet. The Global Blind Exchange is a full featured system specifically designed for and by blind people who use speech, paperless braille and note taking devices. We are the first in cyber space and we hope you enjoy your stay on GBX. Our communication platform is Gallacticomm's "Major BBS running World Group." Thanks to Calweb Communications, for affordable internet in Sacramento (916-641-9328) If you would like to become a member of GBX or if you or your company would like to obtain space on GBX, leave a message to the "Sysop." We also offer space to businesses in our online shopping mall and you may get information on this also from the "Sysop." Until you are verified, your access to GBX will be restricted to 15 minutes per day as well as uploading/downloading and you will only have read ability in all message forums. All internet users must leave us your internet address to gain permanent access to this system and we will verify you via Internet. California users who are dialing in via telephone, you will receive a collect call from us. Refusal of this call will result in your deletion from GBX.e well... lets get going. If you tell us a little about yourself, we'll create an account for you that you can use right away with full access. Bogus accounts will be deleted immediately.

Please enter your first and last name:

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	3	5	3	3

**"For Blind Computer Users Around the World"**

GBX is a system exclusively designed around the visually impaired online user. A large collection of support files, such as screen enlargers and voice digitizers, and a complete collection of newsletters and information files from various organizations

**Telnet** BBS.gatecom.com (198.87.17.102)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://gatecom.com  
**Email** accounts@gatecom.com  
Detroit, MI, USA

**Location** 313.291.6661 313.291.0804  
**Dial-Up** 810.978.1010 313.379.6400

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 66  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** send email first  
**Access** General audiences

Bill Mullen, sysop: "There will certainly continue to be these small electronic meeting places, but how and under what medium is unknown. Certainly, the BBS as we know it will change radically."

**Telnet** gbx.org (165.90.138.192)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** dan@gbx.org  
kenneth@gbx.org

**Location** Sacramento, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 916.568.6359

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 7  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

throughout the world are all centrally warehoused on GBX. Recently, GBX added an online shopping mall for products related to the visually impaired, as well as a several entertainment modules such as an online casino. Full world news and financial reports feed updated daily.



## Global InfoNet



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	2	3	3

Global InfoNet at [california.com](http://california.com) is a general-interest BBS, featuring over 12,000 files, forums, live chat, and excellent multi-player games. Global is also a member of Game Net, offering

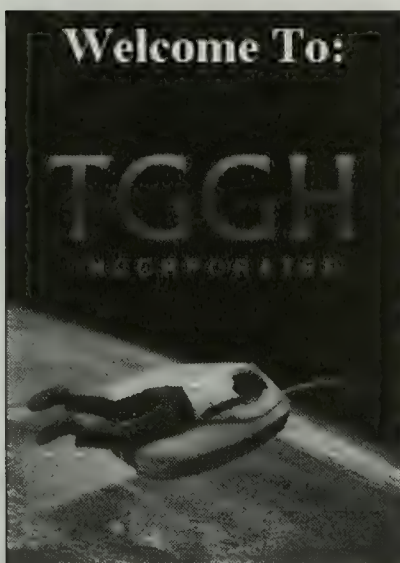
**Telnet** [california.com](http://california.com) (140.174.210.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.california.com>  
**Email** [sysop@california.com](mailto:sysop@california.com)

**Location** Oakland, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 102  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

some of the best games played on the Net by over 50 BBSs. Global is also a full-service Internet provider.

## The Gnome's Guest House



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	1	2	3	1	3	2

The Gnome specializes in online role-playing games, but also offers several international message networks including Fido-

**Telnet** [gnomes.org](http://gnomes.org) (205.149.174.42)  
**FTP** [gnomes.org](http://gnomes.org)  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://gnomes.org/>  
**Email** [god@gnomes.org](mailto:god@gnomes.org)  
[trolan@gnomes.org](mailto:trolan@gnomes.org)

**Location** San Jose CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 408.882.0777 408.977.7043  
408.977.7044 408.977.7045

**Software** CNet Amiga PRO  
**Nodes** 18  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Net, Clink!, and Amiganet. The Gnome focuses on the Amiga, but also offers files for IBM and Macintosh platforms.

# GRAFIX



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	1	1	3	2

**"The place to download the HOTTEST pixs in the world!"**

Grafix is a picture-file-oriented BBS, offering a huge collection of adult and nonadult pics. Every picture file on Grafix is tested,

**Telnet** grafix.com (166.82.150.31)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.grafix.com  
**Email** syslife@vnet.net  
 East Setauket, Long Island, NY, USA  
**Location** 516.689.2853  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Bulletron-OS/2  
**Nodes** 53  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

reviewed, described and written into a free catalog of pictures available. Grafix guarantees that a member never has to fear downloading a poor quality image.

Looking for a few good pics? telnet over to Grafix.

## Grand Rapids Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	3	3	3

**"Grand Rapids interactive online community"**

GRO offers a full selection of BBS features, such as chat and games, as well as an online market for keyboard shopping.

**Telnet** gronline.alliance.net (198.110.232.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://gronline.alliance.net  
**Email** elliek@alliance.net

**Location** Grand Rapids, USA  
**Dial-Up** 616.774.3111

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

GRO also features a guide to attractions and real estate in the Grand Rapids area.

# The Graphics Alternative



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	4	3	1

## "Dedicated to Supporting the Computer-Graphics Community"

The focus of GA is graphics...with a large variety of specialty files, and support for 3D and 2D shareware and freeware packages for the PC (such as POV-Ray, Polyray, and Vivid).

**Telnet** tgax.com (192.215.97.35)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.tgax.com>  
**Email** [adams@tgax.com](mailto:adams@tgax.com)

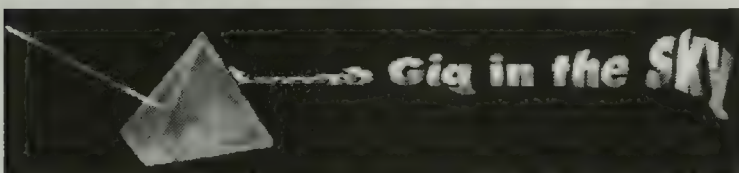
**Location** El Cerrito, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.524.2780

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Special areas for Autodesk's 3D Studio, with Mesh files, IPAS routines, raytracing, rendering, and 3D animation. National forums include FidoNet, PCGnet (Professional CAD and Graphics network), and Usenet.

A definite must for the computer graphic artist!

# Great gigabytes in the Sky



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	4	4	5	4	2

## "My God, what is it?"

It's a Great gigabytes in the Sky! GGS is a free BBS dedicated to musicians the world over. Open, nonrestricted discussion groups and sound and music files are the primary focus of this artistic online community. Musicians are encouraged to contribute original works to share with others.

**Telnet** greatgig.com (199.201.191.102)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** greatgig.com  
**Web** <http://www.greatgig.com/~vex>  
**Email** [vex@greatgig.com](mailto:vex@greatgig.com)  
[dj@greatgig.com](mailto:dj@greatgig.com)

**Location** Seattle, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 206.935.8486

**Software** Synchronet  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** BBS/pswrd:BBS  
**Access** Adults only

GGS is also the home BBS of the *Cosmic Debris* e-zine, also available online.

If music is your thing, drop on by for a great front row seat to a great gig.



## GREX



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	4	3	4	4

### "In the spirit of cooperation"

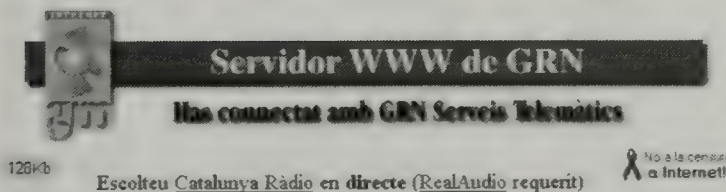
GREX is an unusual name for an online community, but GREX is an unusual community. GREX was founded, and continues to be run, by...well...users. Sort of a virtual cyber-commune, totally supported by volunteer workers and voluntary donations.

**Telnet** cyberspace.org (152.160.30.1)  
**FTP** cyberspace.org  
**Finger** faq@cyberspace.org  
**Web** http://www.cyberspace.org/  
**Email** staff@cyberspace.org

**Location** Ann Arbor, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 313.761.3000  
 313.761.5041  
**Software** UNIX/Picospan  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** newuser  
**Access** General audiences

The focus of GREX is stimulating online discussion, and GREX provides this in both quantity and quality. Chat, games, and Internet features round out this online community, and make it one of the Internet's most unique destinations.

## GRN BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	2

### "BBS de lliure accés totalment in Catalan"

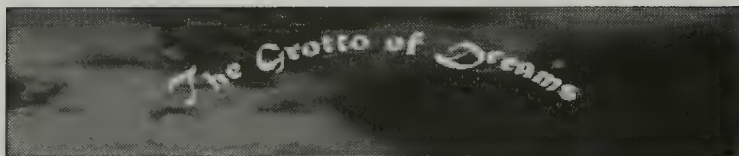
Free, general-purpose BBS in Catalan language. Full Internet services as well for the Girona area.

**Telnet** grn.es (194.179.47.5)  
**FTP** BBS.grn.es  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.grn.es  
**Email** sysop@grn.es  
 cosysop@grn.es

**Location** Girona (Catalonia), SP, Spain  
**Dial-Up** +34 72 401747

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

# The Grotto of Dreams



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	1	2	3	4	3

**"St. Louis's fastest (and best) growing BBS in the mid-west"**

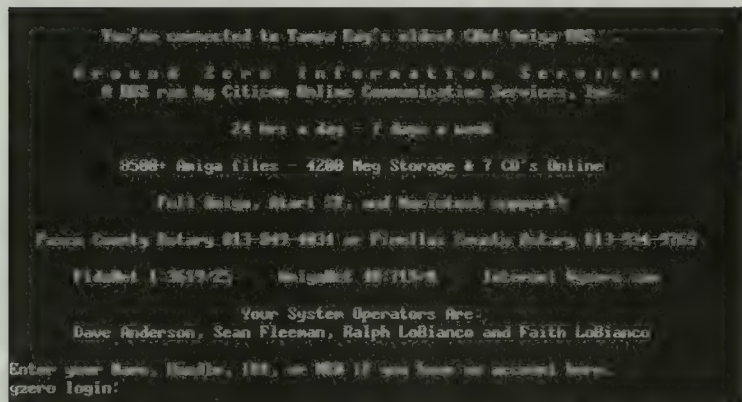
There's only one reason why the sysops of The Grotto run the BBS...it's *fun*! And the users are sure to have fun as well on this general-interest entertainment BBS.

**Telnet** thegrotto.com (206.24.42.130)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** thegrotto.com  
**Web** <http://www.thegrotto.com>  
**Email** Tim@thegrotto.com  
Keeder@thegrotto.com  
**Location** St. Louis, MO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 314.731.5100  
314.731.1977  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Lots of good chat and multiplayer games make The Grotto a pleasant off-ramp from the stresses of the offline world. The Grotto also offers information and answers questions about the St. Louis area...like "Where are the best happy hours in town?"

The Grotto even sounds like a friendly place...and it is.

## Ground Zero BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	4	1	3	4

Serving the online world since 1986, GZ offers over seven gigabytes of files for Amiga, Mac, and Atari users (oh...PC users too), over 2,000 message conferences (including Fido-

**Telnet** gzero.com (204.251.133.2)  
**FTP** ftp.gzero.com  
**Finger** info@gzero.com  
**Web** <http://www.gzero.com>  
**Email** dandersn@gzero.com  
sfleeman@gzero.com  
**Location** New Port Richey, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 813.849.4034  
**Software** CNET AMIGA  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Net, AmigaNet, and even MufoNet), and a few dozen online games. Full Internet shell accounts too for them that want 'em.



## HACOM BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	3	4	2	2	3

HACOM is a general-interest BBS with an emphasis on message bases. As a major RIME hub, and ILink and FidoNet sub-

**Telnet** BBS.hacom.nl (193.67.233.1)  
**FTP** hacom.nl  
**Finger** @box.hacom.nl  
**Web** <http://www.hacom.nl>  
**Email** sysop@hacom.nl

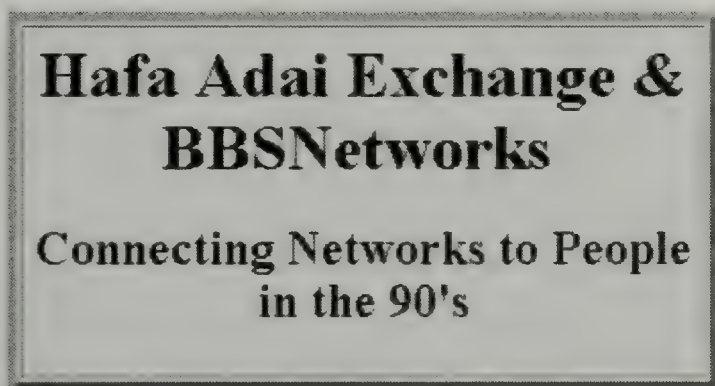
**Location** Amersfoot, Netherlands  
**Dial-Up** +31.0.33.803610

**Software** PcBoard 15.21  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Follow the Prompts  
**Access** General audiences

scriber, HACOM offers hundreds of message conferences on a wide range of subjects.

Donations are optional.

## Hafa Adai Exchange & BBS Networks



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	5	3	3	3	4

Hafa Adai Exchange & BBSNetworks is designed as a one-stop data center for your online needs. Full Internet access plus a whopping 500,000 files, make Hafa Adai stand out from the crowd. A complete newsfeed with news, sports, weather, and stocks is also updated daily. Hafa Adai offers users the new

**Telnet** bbsnets.com (204.183.96.215)  
**FTP** bbsnets.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://bbsnets.ameritel.net/>  
**Email** cochrane@hafaadai.com

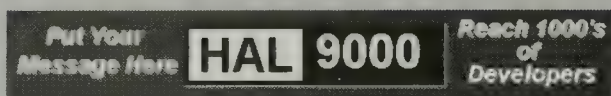
**Location** Lexington Park MD, USA  
**Dial-Up** 301.863.6920 301.863.0544  
301.863.0487 301.863.5089

**Software** Wildcat 5  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Wildcat5 client software so you can log on to the BBS right from the Web. Visit the Web site to grab a copy of the Windows-based client software. Regular telnet is also supported if you'd rather not mess with the four-plus-megabyte client software.



## HAL 9000 BBS



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- ✓ [C/C++ Users Group Information](#)
- ✓ [FREE Marketing for Shareware/Freeware Authors](#)
- ✓ [HAL 9000 BBS Signup Information](#)
- ✓ [Logon to HAL 9000 BBS via Telnet](#)
- ✓ [HAL 9000 User Web Pages](#)
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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	3	3	3	3

The HAL 9000 BBS is the home of the C/C++ Users Group (C is a programming language) and provides support for the sysop's book, *Windows Programming with Shareware Tools*. Needless to say, this BBS has a great collection of software for the Windows programmer, and is, in fact, the official archive

**Telnet** HAL9K.COM (152.160.13.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://WWW.HAL9K.COM/>  
**Email** SYSOP@HAL9K.COM

**Location** Ann Arbor, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 313.663.4173

**Software** PCBoard 15.22 & MurkWorks  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

for the C/C++ Users Group. Files can also be downloaded using "reverse FTP," which is a real favorite among the more technical Internet users. HAL is a full Internet provider, too, with free Web pages for all subscribers.

## Hamptons Online: life on a virtual beach

### Hamptons Online

life on a virtual beach



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	4	4	3

#### "life on a virtual beach"

Hamptons provides a nice beach-front cyber-village, featuring lots of local news and information about the Hampton area. Local online newspapers, restaurant reviews, tourist information, and national news and magazines make Hamptons a

**Telnet** hamptons.com (204.141.112.2)  
**FTP** hamptons.com  
**Finger** hamptons.com  
**Web** <http://www.hamptons.com>  
**Email** rflorio@hamptons.com

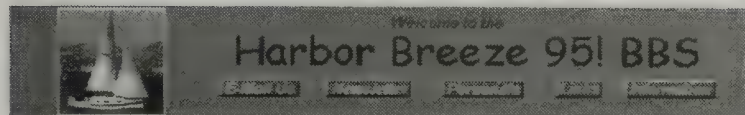
**Location** Southampton, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.283.1114

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Enter name or handle  
**Access** General audiences

great place to catch up on what's going on in Long Island and beyond.

Stretch out on the beach for a nice chat with the locals, or perhaps a game of shuffleboard. Free time is available for the wayward visitor.

## Harbor Breeze 95! BBS



Located in sunny Oldsmar, Florida!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	3	2	1	3	3

### "A state-of-the-art Online Service"

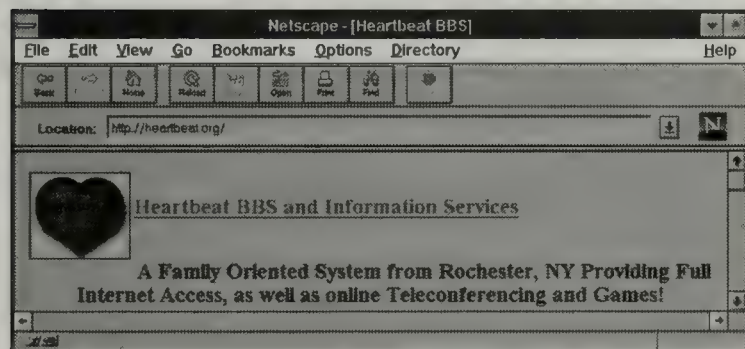
The Harbor Breeze 95! was one of the first Internet BBSs to use the Wildcat5 client software, offering a complete graphical

**Telnet** harborbreeze.com (199.1.77.27)  
**FTP** harborbreeze.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://harborbreeze.com  
**Email** hbreeze@packet.net

**Location** Oldsmar, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 813.855.7596  
813.855.7597  
**Software** Wildcat! 5  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Guest or real name  
**Access** General audiences

interface for the Windows/Windows95 user. Harbor Breeze offers shareware libraries, online games (local and Internet), as well as full Internet services.

## HeartBeat BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	2	3	4

### "Upstate New York's premier FAMILY BBS system"

Heartbeat is a full-featured BBS and Internet provider combined. Over twenty gigabytes of files, matchmaking services, games, and national chat linkups will give you good reasons to

**Telnet** heartbeat.org (199.190.113.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** heartbeat.org  
**Web** http://heartbeat.org  
**Email** ashley@heartbeat.org  
tigga@heartbeat.org

**Location** Rochester, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 716.756.4444 716.756.4455  
716.756.4466  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 92  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

stick around for a while. UNIX shell accounts are also available for the tech-heads.

And via telnet, it's only a Heartbeat away.



# Helix: Houston's Electronically Linked Information eXchange



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	2	4	3

**"One of the most advanced private online networks on the planet!"**

Fun for all ages awaits visitors to Helix, a chat and game system out of the Lone Star State. Everything's supposed to be a little bigger and better in Texas, and Helix is no exception. Lots of friendly Texans, and a highly customized interface, make a visit to this dusty community a rewarding experience. A large

**Telnet** helix.xiii.com (198.65.131.145)  
**FTP** helix.xiii.com  
**Finger** finger@helix.xiii.com  
**Web** <http://helix.xiii.com/index.html>  
**Email** exile@helix.xiii.com

**Location** Houston, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 713.998.5600

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 28  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

selection of multiplayer and door-type games are sure to please the gamer as well.

Helix is also proud to have one of the most dedicated support staffs on the Internet. Where else can a new user get validated at 4AM?

Why not stop by and pick up 30 free Helix hours?

## The Henson House



### The Henson House

Welcome to our Home Page on the WWW  
<http://thh.presys.com>

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	3	1	3	3

Lots of chat, forums (including FidoNet), and games (with gaming contests offered each month) await visitors of the Henson House. Free Windows-based client software for mousers.

**Telnet** (206.100.165.80)  
**FTP** 206.100.165.80  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://206.100.165.80>  
**Email** hensonk@presys.com

**Location** Florence, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 541.997.1226  
541.997.2558

**Software** Wildcat! 5  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences



## High Society



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	5	4	3	2	3	3

### "Home of the Worldlink Chat Network"

Besides being one of the largest BBSs in Florida (which is saying something, 'cause Florida has a lot of big BBSs), High Society is the home BBS for Worldlink, one of the largest BBS chat networks in the world. Worldlink routinely has over 50 BBSs linked up, with over 100 users in chat at any time of the

**Telnet** hs.wisenet.com (198.69.101.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.wisenet.com  
**Email** sysop@wsenet.com

**Location** Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 305.473.5525

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 110  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

day. Worldlink also features its own internationally echoed message conferences. High Society doesn't stop there: users will find an impressive file area with over 200,000 shareware files, multiuser games such as Trade Wars, and full Internet services.

If you're looking for a mega-chat BBS, look no further.

## Hispanet



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	3	2	2	3	3

Hispanet is one of Spain's most interesting BBSs, offering eighteen CDs of shareware files, plenty of message bases, live chat, and online shopping. Of course, if you don't speak Span-

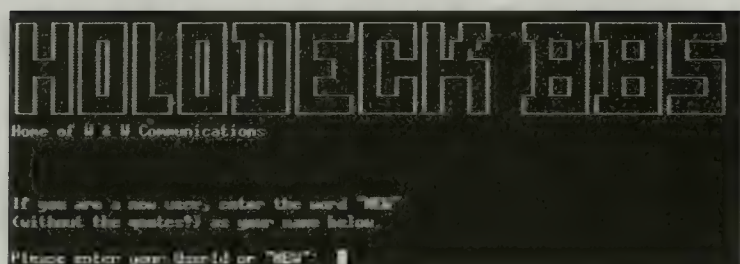
**Telnet** BBS.hnet.es (194.177.1.134)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.hnet.es  
**Email** sysop@BBS.hnet.es  
mik@BBS.hnet.es

**Location** Barcelona Spain  
**Dial-Up** 34.3.223.1415

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ish, you won't understand what's going on here. If you do speak Spanish, or are looking to practice your Spanish, this is the place to visit.

## The Holodeck BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	2	3	1

### "Support BBS for W & W Communications"

W & W produces games for MajorBBS and Worldgroup, and the Holodeck is its primary support and distribution site. Access to chat and multiplayer games on your first call (free!).

**Telnet** wwcomm.com (165.227.61.230)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** wwcomm.com  
**Web** http://wwcomm.com  
**Email** sysop@wwcomm.com

**Location** San Jose, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 408.261.1313

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## The Hot Spot BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	3	2	1	3	3

### "Stop By The Hot Spot BBS For Some HOT Action!!"

Great role-playing games, national chat linkups, and a healthy file selection fulfill the Hot Spot's name.

**Telnet** BBS.hspot.com (204.249.107.120)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@BBS.hspot.com  
**Web** http://BBS.hspot.com  
**Email** sysop@BBS.hspot.com

**Location** Long Branch, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 908.571.4666  
 908.303.0135

**Software** MBBS/WG  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Multiplayer Trade Wars, TeleArena, and online Doom are just a few of HS's hot offerings.

Free time to visitors.



## Hotel California



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	3	4	3

### "The Friendliest Cyber Hotel in the World"

Not only is HC friendly, but it's one of the biggest BBSs in southern California offering a full range of online delights. A twenty-four-hour international linkup on the Worldlink chat net, gobs of great games, over 200,000 files (shareware and adult), and a complete national and local newsfeed make a stay

**Telnet** Kincyb.com (206.17.159.2)  
**FTP** kcyb.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://kcyb.com/hotelca  
**Email** sysop@kincyb.com tech@kincyb.com

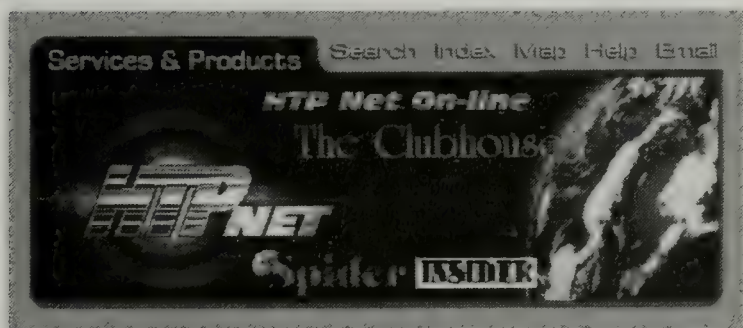
**Location** Southern California, USA  
**Dial-Up** 310.407.1300 714.995.3966  
 818.707.8708 818.585.1974

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 86  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

at this hotel both entertaining and informative. HC also features the new Worldgroup client software, bringing its guests such unique features as a multimedia registry of its members, complete with pictures and sound! Did I mention that they also have 50 CDs online?

Plenty to do at the Hotel California...such a lovely place...

## HTP Net Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	3	2	3	3

### "Home of the HT series scans"

HTP (Hi-Tech's Place) is a graphic file warehouse, offering over 80,000 high-quality scans, both adult and general subjects. Eighteen thousand shareware files plus numerous share-

**Telnet** http.com (199.171.4.3)  
**FTP** ftp.htp.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.htp.net  
**Email** hi-teck\_pete@htp.com

**Location** USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 18  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login**  
**Access** Adults only

ware message conferences are also online. HTP also uses reverse FTP, so you can send files directly back to your host computer (if your host supports FTP).



# Huntsville & The Tennessee Valley On-Line

## Tennessee Valley On-Line (Huntsville Real Estate & More!!!)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	2

Lots of local information about the Huntsville and Tennessee Valley area are available on Huntsville Online, including a complete graphical real estate catalogue. Information about the local job market, restaurants, and area attractions and events are also featured.

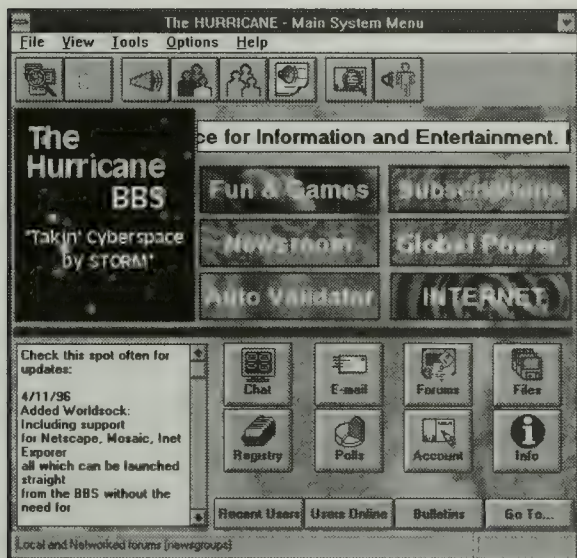
**Telnet** www.huntshome.com (206.151.244.254)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.huntshome.com/  
**Email** hsvhomes@hiwaay.net

**Location** Huntsville, AL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 205.890.0280

**Software** MediaHost Client  
**Nodes** 6  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Their choice  
**Access** General audiences

Download the MediaHost Windows-based client software if you want to see the graphics. If you're interested in this area of Tennessee, check them out...it's a free BBS.

## The HURRICANE



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	3	1	3	3

The Hurricane is a whirlwind of online activity, featuring hundreds of networked forums, and enough games to blow you away. Hurricane is a member of the Game Net inter-BBS gam-

**Telnet** diversicomm.com (205.217.114.97)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://diversicomm.com/hurricane.htm  
**Email** sysop@diversicomm.com

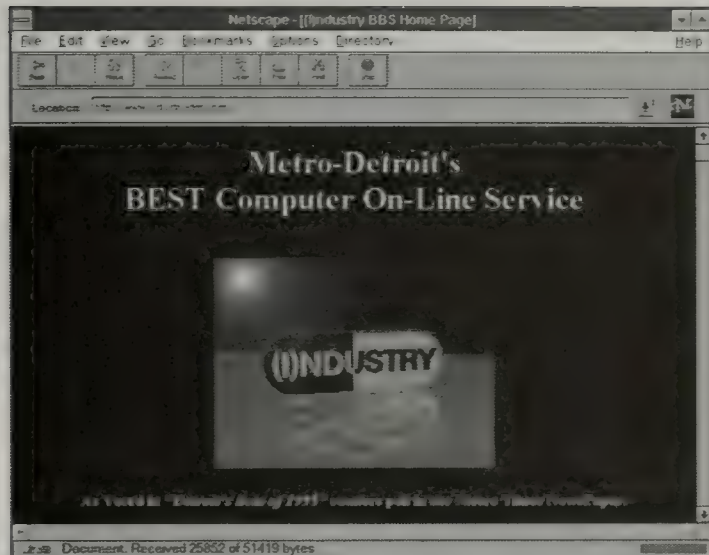
**Location** Gulfport MS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 601.832.8589

**Software** Majorbbs/WG  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ing network with over 40 BBSs competing in everything from FRPs to word games, and is a member of the Chat-World chat net.

A fun system with the gamer in mind.

## (I)ndustry BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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### "The BEST Online Service in Detroit"

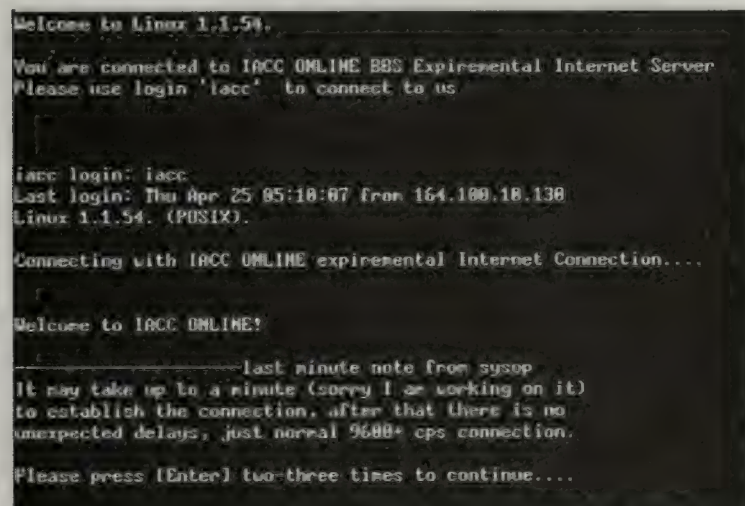
(I)ndustry was ranked as the #8 Top Internet BBS for 1996, and rightly so. The sysops constantly strive to make (I)ndustry more than just a BBS to its members; (I)ndustry is their online home. A very complete set of features are offered, including a diverse file section (with adult files), live chat, and plenty of online games. (I)ndustry is also a member of Game Net.

**Telnet** industry-dm.com (204.157.46.2)  
**FTP** ftp.industry-dm.com  
**Finger** industry-dm.com  
**Web** http://industry-dm.com  
**Email** sysop@industry-dm.com

**Location** Mt. Clemens, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 810.783.0150 810.725.5525  
810.566.6927 810.795.0509  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (cmmchm@oakland.edu):* "I think what makes (I)ndustry stand out from the other BBSs is that it is genuinely a "family" there. All the SysOps are always friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable, and *everyone*, not only SysOps, go out of their way talk to each other, help each other out, and basically create a very welcome place to hang out."

## IACC ONLINE BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	2	1

### "International Association of Conference Centers (IACC)"

The mission of IACC is to provide new information technology to the conference center industry. IACC ONLINE provides free

**Telnet** iacc.housing.umich.edu  
**FTP** (141.211.151.30)  
**Finger** 141.211.151.30  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@iacconline.com

**Location** Ann Arbor, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 313.763.7225

**Software** TBBS/Linux  
**Nodes** 5  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** iacc  
**Access** General audiences

access to employees of conference centers, properties and businesses affiliated with IACC, conference planners, and other customers of IACC members.



## ICA Canada On-Line Inc.



Richard, you have 0 unread messages.

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[Today's Users](#) [List All Users](#)

[Top 10 Users](#) [Top 10 Message Posters](#)

[Personal Profile](#) [Help](#)

List Conferences

Personal Profile

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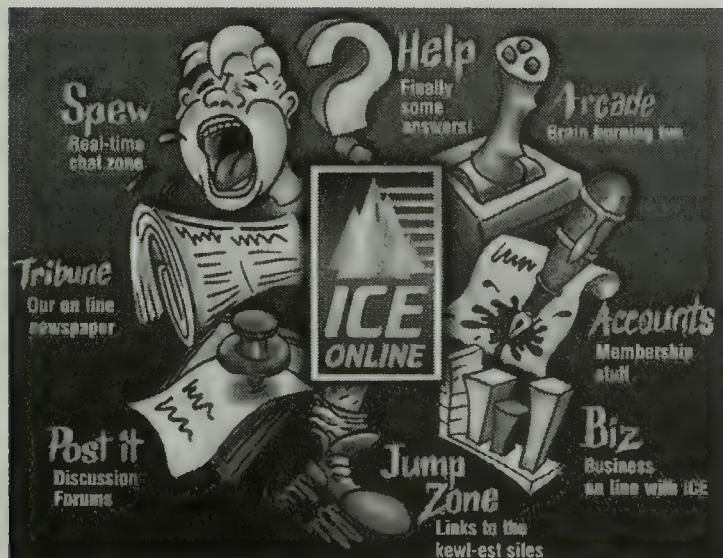
ICA is just getting started, but plans to offer a wide selection of games, files, message bases, and chat conferences. Not much online when I took a peek...but give 'em some time!

**Telnet** BBS.icacomp.com (205.210.59.3)  
**FTP** ftp icacomp.com  
**Finger** finger icacomp.com  
**Web** http://icacomp.com  
**Email** jackdaniels@icacomp.com

**Location** Mississauga, Ontario, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 905.276.9894

**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 35  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## ICE Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
5	3	2	2	1	3	4

### "Dedicated to the Online Gamer"

A gamer's paradise, ICE offers great multiplayer games, Doom online, and its very own 25,000-room A D&D-style game called Majic Realm. These guys are also working on the next

**Telnet** icebox.iceonline.com  
**FTP** (204.191.208.20)  
**Finger** iceonline.com  
**Web** http://www.iceonline.com  
**Email** buzr@icebox.iceonline.com  
 ics@iceonline.com

**Location** Burnaby, BC, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 604.298.7529 604.298.7547  
 604.298.7665

**Software** Custom UNIX/Majorbbs  
**Nodes** 250  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

generation Win95-based 3D online games, and offer a unique 3D chat and game area.

Free time to look around. Keep your eyes open for what these guys do next.



## Idaho Interactive



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	4

### "The friendliest board in Idaho"

Idaho's largest BBS, II offers a wide range of services to all ages, including chat, games, and files. Bob Cooper, II's sysop, says they have some of the best trivia players in the world right there in Idaho (and I thought they only had potatoes...). II also offers Web space for personal and business needs.

**Telnet** idibbs.com (199.190.75.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** idibbs.com  
**Web** <http://idibbs.com/>  
**Email** bob@idibbs.com sysop@idibbs.com

**Location** Boise, ID, USA  
**Dial-Up** 208.345.4987 208.389.9271  
208.336.6426  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Telnet over and get five free hours to check them out...and don't forget to play a little trivia while you're there.

*Bob Cooper, sysop:* "BBSs are definitely a valuable Internet resource. First and foremost, BBSs provide grounds for becoming 'online literate,' and much of what is learned on the BBS translates well into Internet usage."

## Illusions II (Adult's ONLY)

*Illusions Online*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

Illusions II not only sounds like a classy cyber-strip-joint, but it looks like one, too. Over 100,000 hard-core files (many original scans), hot chat, plus full Internet for only five bucks a month.

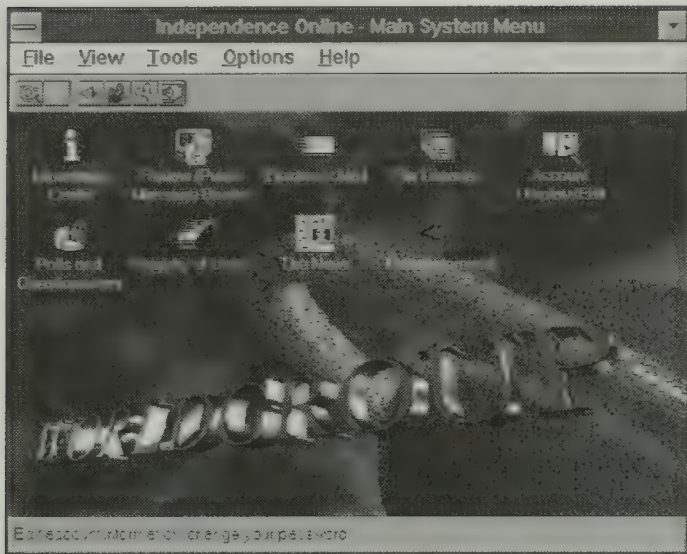
**Telnet** BBS.ilsoft.com (206.215.192.2)  
**FTP** 206.215.192.2  
**Finger** BBS.ilsoft.com  
**Web** <http://www.ilsoft.com>  
**Email** roth2@netcom.com  
sysop@ilsoft.com

**Location** Phoenix, AZ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 602.433.1771

**Software** Wildcat! v5  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** An alias name!  
**Access** Adults only

No cover and no drink minimum...just sit back and enjoy the show.

# Independence Online!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

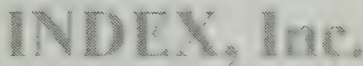
## "One of the friendliest online systems in Atlanta!"

A wide variety of online games, such as Trade Wars, multi-player Doom, and Trivia make Independence a fun place to

**Telnet** inde.com (205.148.231.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** inde.com  
**Web** http://www.inde.com  
**Email** sysop@inde.com  
 kim@inde.com  
**Location** Atlanta, GA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 770.435.9822  
 770.435.6527  
**Software** Major BBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

visit. There are plenty of online files as well on its thirteen CDs, and lots of active online chat. Users also get a free Web page with an automatic page generator (no programming involved!).

# The INDEX System



*Telnet to Our 64 Line Family Oriented BBS*

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## "Georgia's Best BBS"

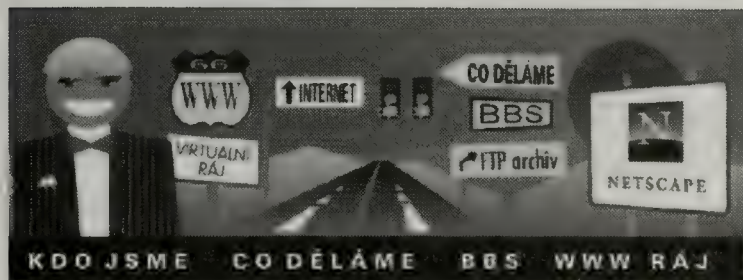
Ranked #13 in the 1994 *Boardwatch* Top BBS contest, Index offers features for just about everyone. Plenty of games, such as Trade Wars and Barren Realms, and regular international

**Telnet** index.com (206.14.194.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** rodney.aloia@index.com  
 jim.weddington@index.com  
**Location** Atlanta, GA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 404.924.8472  
**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 45  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

chat linkups. Lots of news and information, too, with online 'zines, newspapers, and catalogues. Looking for a job? Job information for the southeastern USA is also featured. If that weren't enough, peruse its 75,000 files for the latest shareware releases.



# INFIMA BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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## "The most popular BBS in the Czech Republic"

Infima is a discussion-oriented BBS, featuring plenty of live chat and message conferences (including FidoNet). The lan-

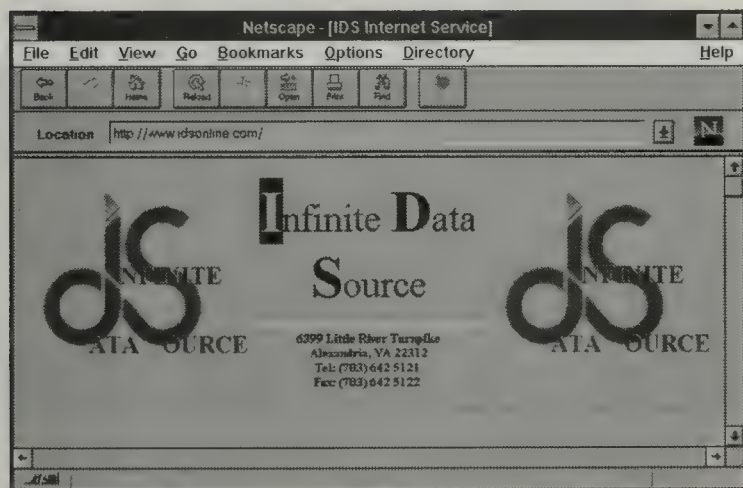
**Telnet** BBS.infima.cz (194.108.205.150)  
**FTP** ftp.infima.cz  
**Finger** BBS.infima.cz  
**Web** http://www.infima.cz  
**Email** sysop@infima.cz

**Location** Prague, Czech Republic  
**Dial-Up** +42.2.3122741  
+42.2.24312432

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

guage is a pleasant mix of English and Czech, so most travellers should be able to understand most of what's going on.

# Infinite Data Source On-Line Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	2	5	5	4	3	2

## "Providing quality service for half a decade"

IDS started out in 1990 as a free single-line hobby board...but boy, have they grown since. IDS now maintains a very impressive 50 gigabytes of files, with over 60 (yes, 60!) CD-ROMs online, with over ten megabytes of new files coming every day. IDS also supports all (yes, all) FidoNet conferences, and over

**Telnet** BBS.idsonline.com (204.157.204.157)  
**FTP** ftp.idsonline.com  
**Finger** idsinfo@ids2.idsonline.com  
**Web** http://www.idsonline.com  
**Email** john.choi@idsonline.com

**Location** Alexandria, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.642.8801

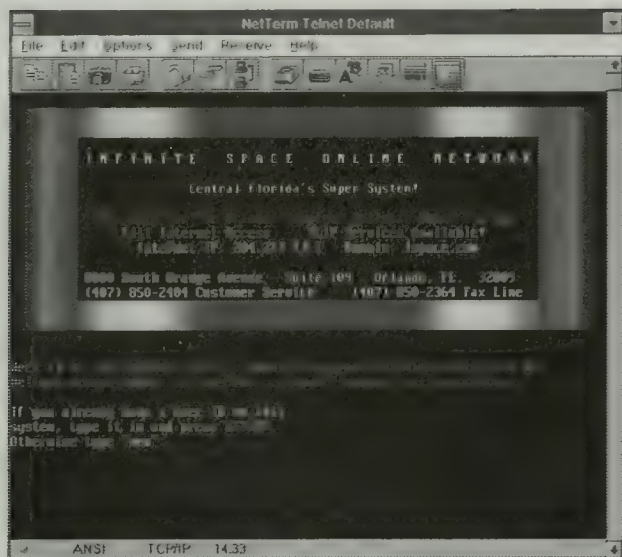
**Software** Wildcat!  
**Nodes** 52  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

5,000 Internet newsgroups. But when you get tired of all those great new files and interesting discussions, you can always kick back and play one of IDS's 180 (yes, 1-8-0) online door games. A live online newsfeed and multiuser chat is thrown in just for fun.

Hurry! Check out one of the fastest growing BBSs on the Internet.



# Infinite Space Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	2	2	1	3	4

**"Connecting you to the world...and beyond!"**

Chatting and games are the strong points of this huge BBS out of Orlando Florida. ISO is linked twenty-four hours a day to the Worldlink chat network, and features some of the best multiplayer games on the Net.

**Telnet** genesis.ispace.com (204.149.254.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @genesis.ispace.com  
**Web** http://www.ispace.com  
**Email** buzz@genesis.ispace.com  
 sysop@genesis.ispace.com  
**Location** Orlando, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.856.0021

**Software** Worldgroup 2.0  
**Nodes** 98  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

A great value starting at only \$5/month.

*Herb Scherker, sysop:* "BBSs will always be around. There will always be those who seek out and yearn for the close-knit feeling of an online community."

*User Comment (dhayes@magicnet.net):* "Easy to use and great tech support!"

# Infinity Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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Multiplayer games and live chat guarantee that this all-adult BBS will provide hours of online fun and excitement. Infinity is also the home of the Global Network Co-op, which means that

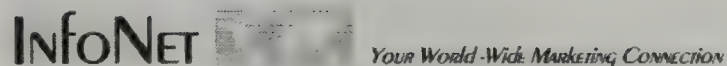
**Telnet** ionline.com (199.176.249.62)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** ionline.com  
**Web** http://www.ionline.com  
**Email** phoenix@ionline.com  
 slycat@ionline.com  
**Location** Grand Rapids, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 616.957.2007

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

through Infinity you get to visit many other BBSs for the price of one ticket!

Sign up for a week of free time.

# InfoNet Bulletin Board System



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	3	4	3	2

## "Helping Businesses Market on the Internet"

InfoNet is a business-oriented BBS designed to help the small- to medium-sized company successfully market its products on

**Telnet** infousa.com (205.245.167.2)  
**FTP** infousa.com  
**Finger** @infousa.com  
**Web** <http://www.infousa.com>  
**Email** sysop@infousa.com sales@infousa.com

**Location** Pinellas Park, FL, USA

**Dial-Up** 813.541.4636

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 32

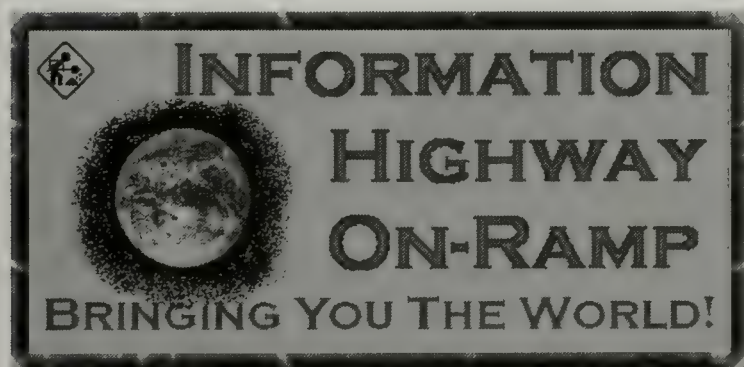
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

the Internet to the global community. Lots of forums and online discussion geared to educate business people about the inner workings of the Internet. Free business advertising for all subscribers.

# Information Highway On-Ramp



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

Despite having a BBS name constructed entirely of buzz words (sorry, I couldn't help noticing), IHO offers twelve CDs of files

**Telnet** on-ramp.com (199.190.96.2)

**FTP**

**Finger** on-ramp.com

**Web** <http://on-ramp.com>

**Email** root@on-ramp.com

**Location** Sioux Falls, SD, USA

**Dial-Up** 605.335.7253

605.335.7240

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup

**Nodes** 24

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

(including adult), Interlink chat network, and all the Internet you can handle. Only five bucks a month for telnetters.

Come and see what South Dakota has to offer.



## Innovations BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "Nice friendly atmosphere"

Back in 1993 when Innovations first went online, they only had four nodes. They've since grown to 32 nodes, and feature "interesting people you might not find elsewhere." Innovations

**Telnet** innonyc.com (206.127.38.97)

**FTP**

**Finger** innonyc.com

**Web** <http://innonyc.com>

**Email** sysop@innonyc.com  
eagle@innonyc.com

**Location** Forest Hills, NY, USA

**Dial-Up** 718.575.2914  
718.793.1902

**Software** Galaticomm Worldgroup

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Yes

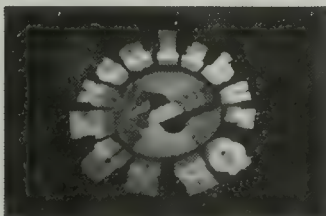
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

maintains its sense of community by holding regular local gatherings.

Drop by for some chat or adventure in the TeleArena dungeons. Thirty minutes free to telnetters.

## Insight Media



### Insight Media Excalibur UK HQ

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	3	4	3	2

### "We think this system is the COOLEST thing since sliced bread"

Insight Media (the guys who run this BBS) is the UK Headquarters for the multimedia Excalibur BBS and Internet Software packages, and has one of the largest sections of Excalibur add-on products in the world, including its own custom plug-ins and utilities. Insight offers a great selection of graphical multiplayer

**Telnet** insight-media.co.uk (194.73.50.3)

**FTP** <ftp://www.insight-media.co.uk>

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.insight-media.co.uk>

**Email** chris@insight-media.co.uk  
andy@insight-media.co.uk

**Location** Wigan, Lancashire, United Kingdom

**Dial-Up** +44.1942.762762  
+44.1942.517097

**Software** Excalibur

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Optional

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

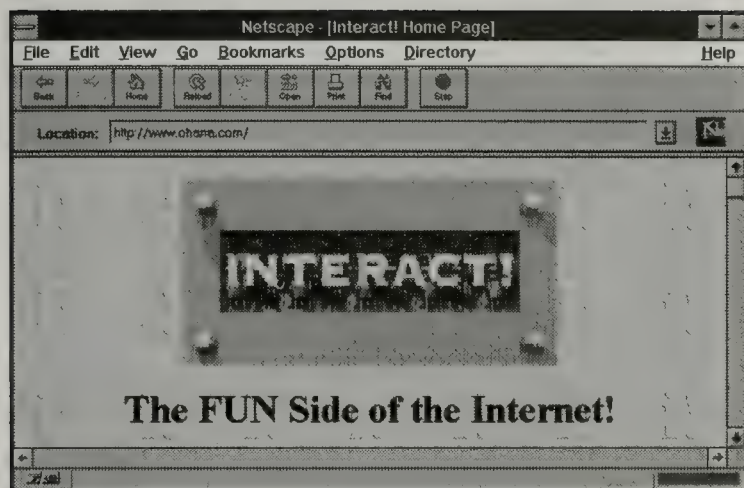
games, including gaming competitions.

Registered Excalibur sysops get unlimited time, plus free downloads, email address, Web page space and a package of free add-ons when they purchase or upgrade through the BBS.

A great place to go if you run, or are considering starting, an Excalibur BBS.



# INTERACT



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	1	1	1	4	3

## "THE place for live chat and multiplayer games"

Looking for nice corner of the Internet to sit and chat? Interact offers that and more. Originally started as a chat board, Interact now offers a variety of multiplayer games as well, including L.O.R.D. and MajorMUD. Interact offers full access at a flat monthly rate, an unusual and cost-effective alternative to most chat and game BBSs.

## Interact! BBS

**INTERACT!**  
Hawaii's FUN Online Service!

**Telnet** bbs.ohana.com

**Modem** (808) 593-8279

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	3

## "Interact! in Hawaii"

Located on the sunny shores of Honolulu, Interact! offers a wide selection of multiplayer games and very active live chat.

**Telnet** diversion.com (204.189.48.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.diversion.com  
**Email** sysop@diversion.com

**Location** Palo Alto, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.961.6911

**Software** TSX-BBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Choose a name  
**Access** Adults only

*Eric Knight, sysop:* "I envy the BBS callers of today. Roaming the BBS world used to be a very expensive habit (i.e., long distance bills). Today, one can connect with hundreds of BBSs all over the world, essentially for free. I think that's amazing."

**Telnet** BBS.ohana.com (204.182.45.3)  
**FTP** ftp.ohana.com  
**Finger** oahu.ohana.com  
**Web** http://www.ohana.com  
**Email** sysop@ohana.com  
koji@ohana.com

**Location** Honolulu, HI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 808.593.8279 808.576.7133  
800.243.7133

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Visit the big island, relax, have cool drink, and join in the talk with some of the 40-80 regular chatters usually online. Free demo time too...aloha.

## INTERCOM Spain



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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Located in Barcelona, Intercom is a full-featured online community offering great chat (in Spanish, of course), several international message conferences, and multiplayer Doom and

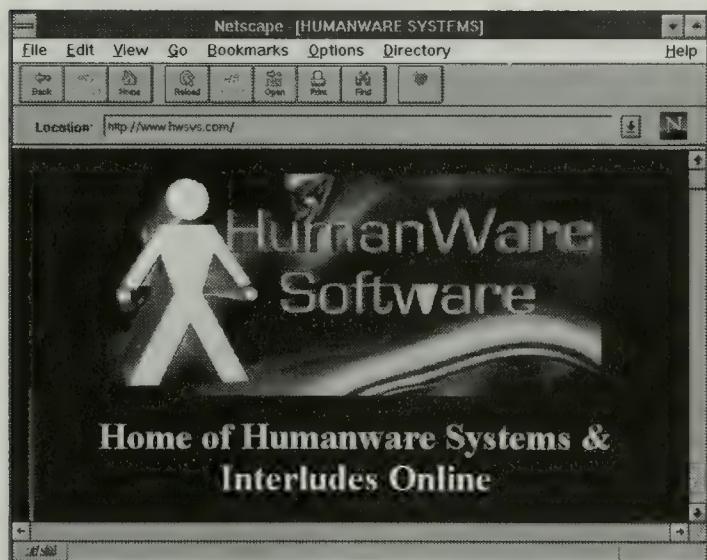
**Telnet** intercom.es (194.179.21.3)  
**FTP** 194.179.21.2  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.intercom.es>  
**Email** aserena@lix.intercom.es

**Location** Barcelona, Spain  
**Dial-Up** +34.3.5881806

**Software** Bussiness  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Heretic. Intercom is also a full-service Internet provider for Barcelona and surrounding areas.

## Interludes Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	2	3	3

### "Home of Humanware Systems"

Interludes not only offers great games, chat, and files, but also writes great software for other Major BBSs as well. Message bases include Majornet and Usenet.

**Telnet** BBS.hwsys.com (204.74.71.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @BBS.hwsys.com  
**Web** <http://www.hwsys.com>  
**Email** sysop@hwsys.com

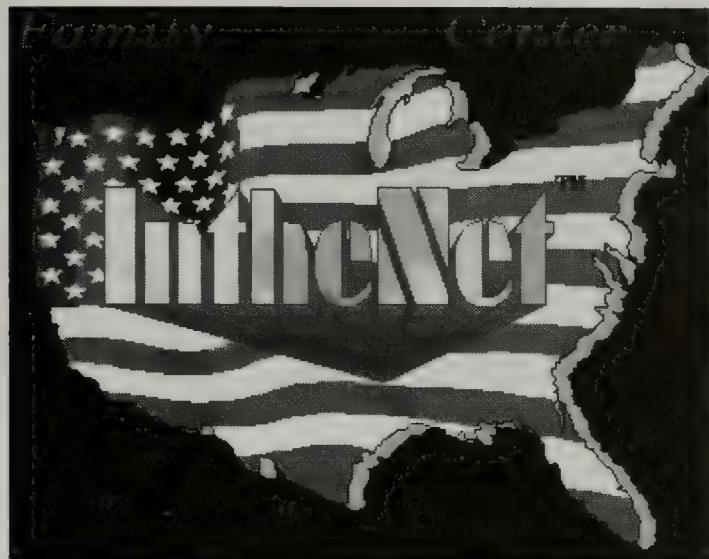
**Location** Cypress, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 714.828.7093 714.491.1564  
310.425.1659 909.613.0307

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Free trial time for visitors.



## IntheNet OLS and Virtual Marketplace



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	4	3	3

IntheNet OLS and Virtual Marketplace is based on a "Triad Concept," offering a full-featured BBS, Internet services, and a virtual online market place. I guess that's three...a triad...ok, I get it <g>.

**Telnet** inthenet.com (205.228.202.10)  
**FTP** ftp.inthenet.com  
**Finger** userid@inthenet.com  
**Web** http://www.inthenet.com  
**Email** sysop@inthenet.com

**Location** Norman, OK, USA  
**Dial-Up** 405.447.1121  
447.447-9671  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

IntheNet sells just about everything you can think of, from clothing to books, automobile detailing to moving services. All available for immediate purchase online.

Most of the regular features you expect to find on a BBS is here as well.

## The Invention Factory BBS



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Telnet: factory.com  
Voice: 212 431-5555

E-mail to: [michael.sussell@factory.com](mailto:michael.sussell@factory.com)

Welcome to The Invention Factory, Inc.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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**"New York City's Best, Biggest, and Longest Running BBS"**

Online continually since 1984, IF has collected one of the best selections of handpicked shareware in the USA (that's a

**Telnet** factory.com (199.183.47.133)  
**FTP** ftp.invfacty.factory.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.factory.com  
**Email** michael.sussell@factory.com  
kathy.sussell@factory.com

**Location** New York, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 212.274.8110

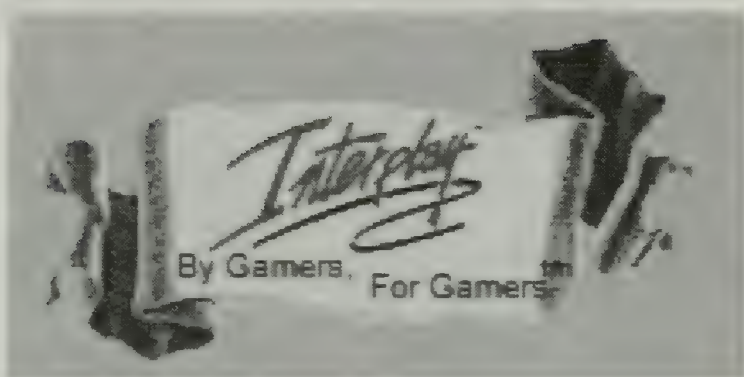
**Software** Pcboard 15.22  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** real name  
**Access** Adults only

quote). Plenty of online games, hot chat, and an enormous adult-only section.

Telnet to the Big Apple and take a free tour.



## IPlay On-Line



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	1	3	3

### "A Gamer's Haven"

IPlay is a game-oriented community offering gaming contests, and its own MUDs (MUD II and the Hundred Years War) with contests. They also feature links to some of the hottest MUDs on the Net. A new user help conference is also moderated

**Telnet** iplay.interplay.com (199.182.210.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.interplay.com>  
**Email** satchi@deltanet.com

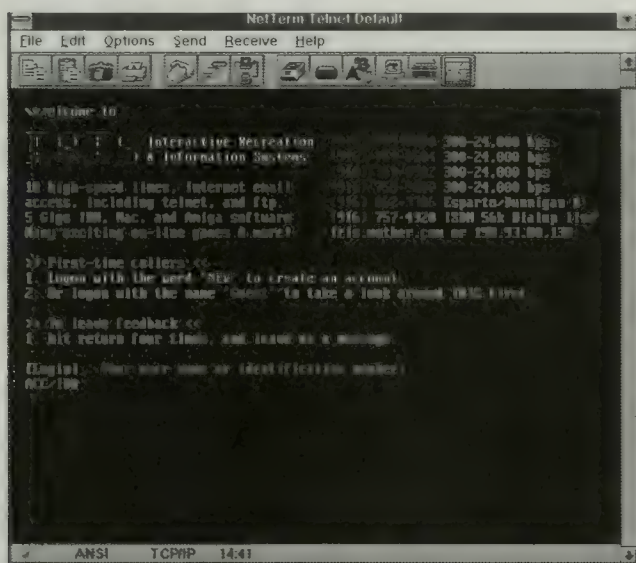
**Location** CA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 68  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

every Thursday night in the main chat room. This is a relatively new BBS, with features being added all the time, so check them out to see what features are currently online.

Free demo time for new signups.

## Iris BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	1	2	3

### "Interactive Recreation and Information System"

Iris offers an interesting selection of online games, including a unique fantasy world called Eternity of Discord, along with the usual Internet access. Iris also supports multiplayer Doom and Heretic for up to four players. Five gigabytes of IBM, Amiga,

**Telnet** iris.mother.com (198.93.80.120)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mother.com/~zjohnson>  
**Email** zjohnson@mother.com

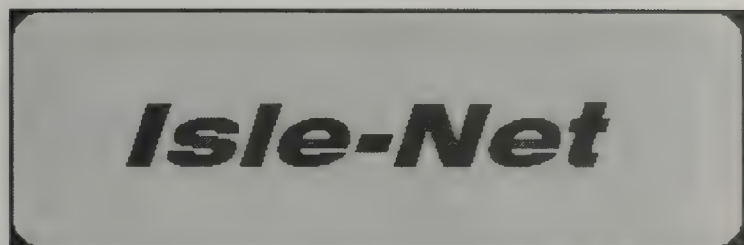
**Location** Davis, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 916.759.0500

**Software** CNet Pro  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and Mac software are also online, with special adult areas for those who show proof of age.

New users can login as a guest on their first call to see what this system has to offer.

## Isle-Net



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	3	1	4	3

The Isle proves that you can have safe sex on the Internet...and it's been doing it for over ten years. Lusty conversation and smutty stories abound on the Isle.

Not a place for the kiddies...adults only.

Don't forget to have a sexy Tarot 44 card reading while you're there.

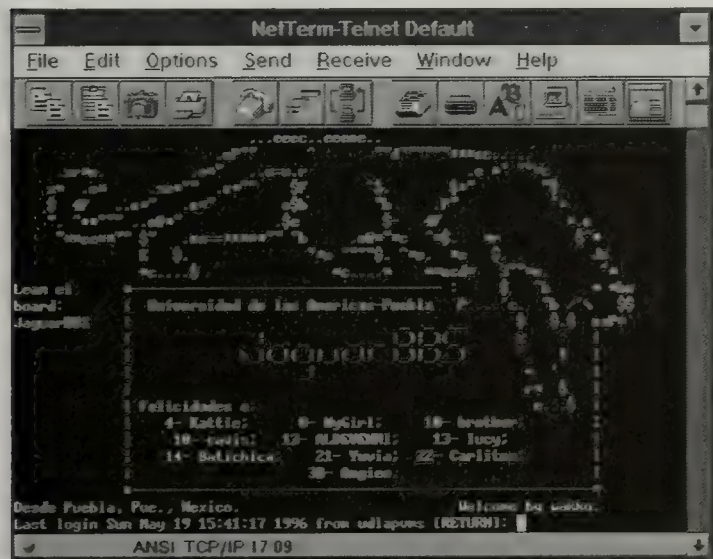
**Telnet** islenet.com (206.205.84.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.islenet.com>  
**Email** sexop@islenet.com

**Location** Middletown, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 908.495.6996  
908.495.4487

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Any handle desired  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (tina.shields@islenet.com):* "My favorite Internet BBS is Isle-Net. The main attraction of Isle-Net is the quality of its members. Most tend to be literate and articulate. I can always find quality conversation there. The interface is smooth and professional. An all-around winner!"

## Jaguar BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	2	3	2	2	2

### "The Best BBS in Mexico"

Jaguar is a south-of-the-border discussion-oriented community, featuring online chat and message bases visited by the students from the local Mexican universities and from around the globe.

**Telnet** jaguar.pue.udlap.mx (140.148.4.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://jaguar.pue.udlap.mx/JaguarBBS>  
**Email** sysop@jaguar.pue.udlap.mx

**Location** Cholula, Puebla, Mexico  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** EBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Invitado  
**Access** General audiences

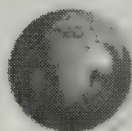
Most of the discussion is in Spanish, but the menus are also available in English.

If you want to know something about Mexico, improve your Spanish skills, or just relax, drop by...Jaguar is a free public BBS.



## Janis II—Tokyo

WELCOME TO  
JANIS II &  
ASIANET



e-mail: [sysop@janis-tok.com](mailto:sysop@janis-tok.com)

Phone: (03) 3255-8880 Modem: (03) 3252-7224

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	5	4	2	3	3

### “Japan’s Oldest BBS”

Janis has been around longer than any other BBS in Japan, featuring an immense file library of over 90 gigabytes. Janis also includes some of the largest networked message conferences, including RIME, Usenet, and the Clarinet networks. All

**Telnet** asianet.net (202.32.39.111)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.asianet.com>  
**Email** [sysop@janis-tok.com](mailto:sysop@janis-tok.com)

**Location** Tokyo Japan  
**Dial-Up** 81.3.3252.7224

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 35  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

the standard Internet services are here as well, such as telnet, FTP, Gopher, and more.

Twenty minutes a day free time to telnetters outside of Japan.

## Jassyca BBS

VIP  
Virtual Place

**Jassyca**

[Schnellstart] [Handbuch] [FAQ] [Konzept] [Welt der BBS] [Wer ist online?] [Kontakt]

Schnellstart  
Handbuch FAQ  
Konzept  
Welt der BBS  
Wer ist online?  
Kontakt

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	2	2	1

Jassyca is one of the only public access (i.e., free) Internet BBSs in Germany, and is focused on online discussion (no file transfer or games). Its goal is to provide a friendly place for users around the world to hang out and have a good time. Online discussions range from the technical to the purely

**Telnet** [jassyca.tu-chemnitz.de](http://jassyca.tu-chemnitz.de) (134.109.48.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://jassyca.tu-chemnitz.de>  
**Email** [jassyca@tu-chemnitz.de](mailto:jassyca@tu-chemnitz.de)

**Location** Chemnitz, Germany  
**Dial-Up**

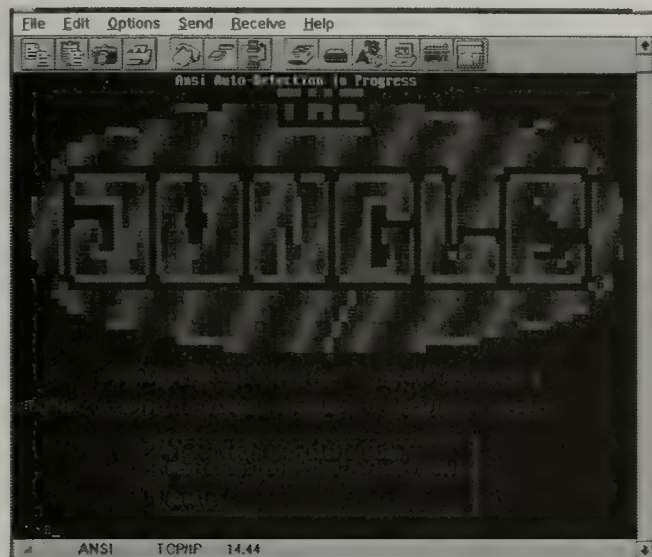
**Software** YAWC  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Guest/New  
**Access** General audiences

social. These guys are running a YAWC system, and change the code often, so new features are always coming online.

If you're looking for a free system to have a nice chat with a distinctly European flavor, telnet over to Jassyca.



# The Jungle BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	5	3	2	2	4	3

## “New Jersey’s Premier Multi-Chat BBS”

Providing fun and games on the Internet, The Jungle is the largest BBS in the 201 area code. The Jungle started out in 1988 with only seven nodes, but has now grown to a whopping 68 node mega-BBS. Several different national chat link-ups are available, including Interlink, STS-Chat, and MajorChat. The Jungle also maintains a small, though very

**Telnet** Jungle.net (206.137.16.2)

**FTP** ftp.jungle.net

**Finger** @Jungle.net

**Web** http://www.jungle.net

**Email** marc@jungle.net

sysop@jungle.net

**Location** Rockaway, NJ, USA

**Dial-Up** 201.694.5081 201.586.6915

201.226.2675 201.343.3496

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 68

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

interesting and organized, file library. The Jungle also has the most unique disclaimer I’ve found on the Internet:

We are not responsible for any player(s) addiction, time suckage, absence of physical human contact, intimate relationships with others, grades, income from work (and/or poor work habits), neither emotional or nutritional stability, regular hygienic care, the routine feeding of pets, plants, or any other form under the player(s) care or supervision which relies on protein, carbohydrates, H<sub>2</sub>O, or a mix of any of the above, and in no way, shape, or form are we responsible for the lack of life outside of Jungle Cyberspace.

# KBBS Los Angeles



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	5	4	3	2	4	4

KBBS in LALA land is a place for singles to get together and meet online...and offline at one of the five or so parties planned each week. Check out its Web site for current scheduled gatherings. Featuring a twenty-four-hour Worldlink chat linkup, and lots of lively local chat, KBBS’s theme is interac-

**Telnet** kbbs.kbbsnet.com (204.96.25.7)

**FTP** enigma.kbbsnet.com

**Finger** info@kbbs.kbbsnet.com

**Web** http://kbbs.kbbsnet.com

**Email** sysop@kbbs.kbbsnet.com

**Location** Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 818.886.0872 310.558.0145

213.725.3047

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 100

**Pay** Yes

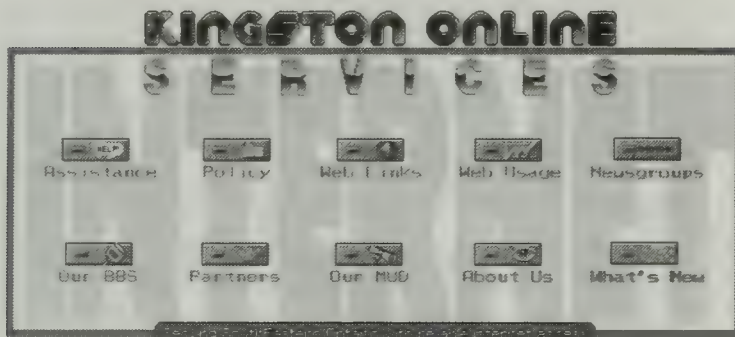
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

tion, and lots of it. But chat isn’t the only focus of this huge BBS; with over 40 CDs online, a mess of fantastic multi-player games, and a live news and weather feed, KBBS has enough features to whet anyone’s cyber-appetite.

Hop on KBBS’s fast T1 for the ride of your life!

## Kingston Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	5	2	3	4

### "Kingston's largest bulletin board system"

Welcome to one of Ontario's premier online services, offering thousands of local and international message conferences, real-time chat, and a slew of online games. KOS is also a full-service Internet provider, offering UNIX shell accounts, PPP, and Web space.

**Telnet** BBS.kosone.com (199.246.2.200)  
**FTP** 199.246.2.200  
**Finger** BBS.kosone.com  
**Web** <http://www.kosone.com/kos/>  
**Email** coles@post.kosone.com shaman@BBS.kosone.com

**Location** Kingston ON, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 613.544.6448 613.547.3005  
 613.968.4473 613.969.1435

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 150

**Pay** Optional

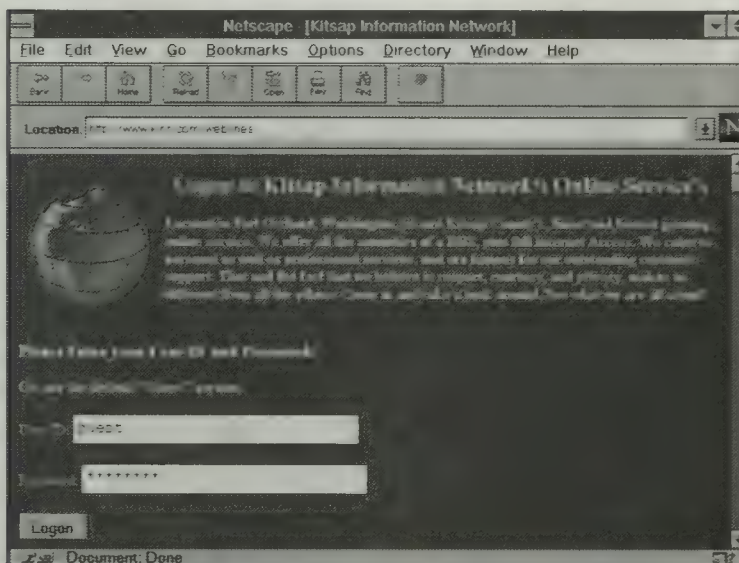
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Try out its Black Gamma Circle MUD (199.246.2.5) for some fantasy role-playing at its finest.

*User Comment (nox@wam.umd.edu):* "Friendly people, hundreds of actions, and lots of fun :)"

## Kitsap Information Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	3	2	3	3

### "Kitsap County's Fastest Growing BBS"

This Worldgroup BBS out of Washington State is a FidoNet File Backbone, which means they receive megabytes of new files and messages every day. Kitsap also features plenty of

**Telnet** kinn.com (204.250.146.2)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.kinn.com>

**Email** sysop@kinn.com  
 ccoley@kinn.com

**Location** Port Orchard, WA, USA

**Dial-Up** 360.769.8437  
 360.692.7408

**Software** Worldgroup 2.0

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Yes

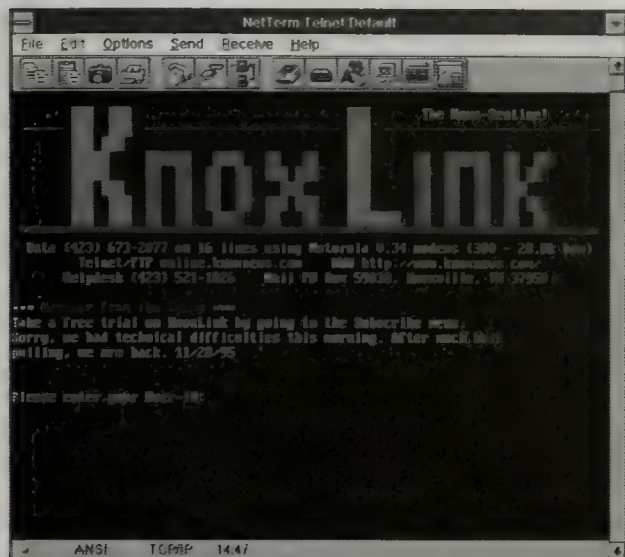
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

online chat and multiplayer games on a well-organized menu scheme. There's even a Rave Room for teen chatters. Kitsap is part of a national BBS co-op, so membership here gets you access to a dozen other BBSs around the country and full Internet services, too.



# The Knoxville News-Sentinel KnoxLink



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	1	3	5	3	3

Knoxville News is one of the first Internet newsstands featuring local and world news, weather, and an assortment of electronic magazines (e-zines). Access levels vary from free to added-value pay services, and anyone can sign up for trial access.

**Telnet** online.knoxnews.com (204.71.5.10)  
**FTP** online.knoxnews.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.knoxnews.com  
**Email** sysop@online.knoxnews.com

**Location** Knoxville, TN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 423.673.2077

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 28  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

As a special bonus to sports fans, University of Tennessee college sports are a regular feature.

*Sysop Comment (Jonathan Bell):* "[BBSs] are part of the varied content of the Internet. They are the shops, street merchants, newsstands, and nightclubs of the Net."

## The Kobayashi Alternative BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	3	2	3	3

### "Online Service for All Ages"

TKA was established twelve years ago and offers a bunch of online games, including its own Circle MUD. Over three

**Telnet** tka.com (204.117.63.1)  
**FTP** tka.com  
**Finger** @tka.com (whoson) or limahl@tka.com  
**Web** http://tka.com  
**Email** limha@tka.com dcbank@tka.com

**Location** Auburn, ME, USA  
**Dial-Up** 207.784.2130

**Software** CNet Pro v3.05c  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

gigabytes of files, with a large support file section for CNET BBS. Plenty of Internet, too, including access to over 10,000 Usenet newsgroups.



## Kompleat Internet Services, LLC



### Kompleat Internet Services LLC

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	1	3	5

#### "One of the most unique BBSs around"

KIS BBS offers a large file area (over 230,000 files), multi-player games, chat, and matchmaking services, as well as being a full service Internet provider, featuring business-level

**Telnet** BBS.kis.net (206.26.158.10)

**FTP**

**Finger** 206.26.158.10

**Web** <http://206.26.158.10>

**Email** sysop@BBS.kis.net  
blaine@BBS.kis.net

**Location** Frederick, MD, USA

**Dial-Up** 301.473.7110 301.293.4300  
301.417.2428 301.683.4638

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 128

**Pay** Yes

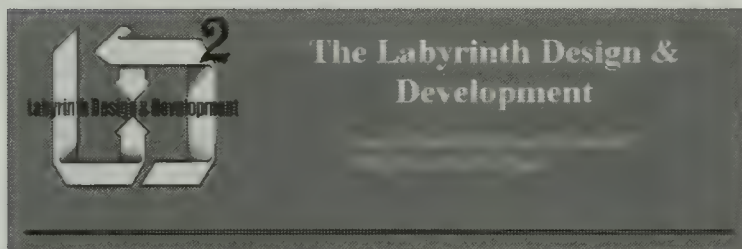
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

T1, ISDN, and Frame Relay connections. KIS also offers its BBS users their own free Web pages, which you can check out by visiting the Web site. And with over a hundred nodes, you'll never feel alone.

Telnet over for the Kompleat experience.

## The Labyrinth Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

The Labyrinth is a fully graphical Windows BBS with up-to-date news and weather, games, and chat. It also features Dear

**Telnet** labyrinth.com (205.148.234.2)

**FTP** ftp.labyirn.com

**Finger** labyrinth.com

**Web** <http://www.labyrin.com>

**Email** chris@labyrin.com king.arthur@labyrin.com

**Location** Pasadena, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 818.449.0804

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 11

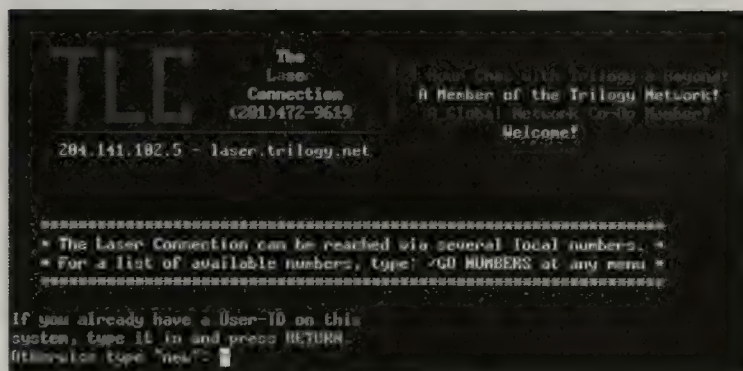
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Colette, a cyber-Dear-Abby forum where you can ask those troubling questions like, "Is it normal to smoke after cybersex?"

## The Laser Connection



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	3

**"Don't you and your computer deserve a little TLC?"**

TLC is a general-interest system with extensive file areas, twenty-four-hour national chat linkups, and multiplayer games

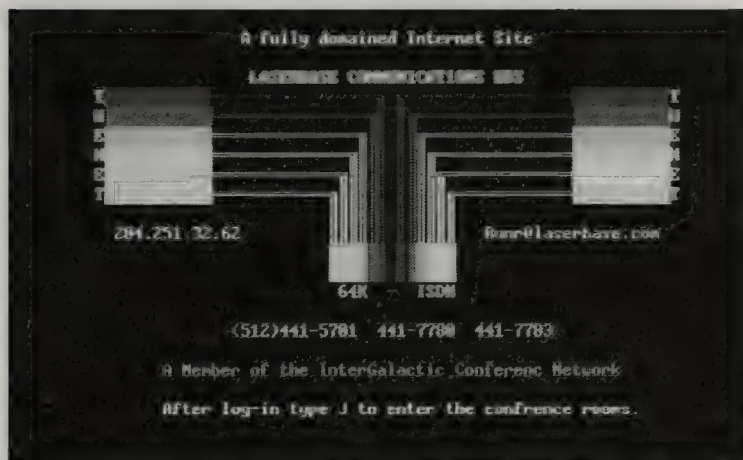
**Telnet** laser.trilogy.net (204.141.102.5)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** laser.trilogy.net  
**Web** <http://laser.trilogy.net>  
**Email** bodowd@laser.trilogy.net

**Location** Bergenfield, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 201.439.1555

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

like Trade Wars and MajorMUD. TLC, a member of the Global Network Co-op, offers free access to many other BBSs.

## LaserBase Communications



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	2	2	2	2

Laserbase is highly focused on the Amiga online community and offers files (including a CD) and message bases with lots of Amiga software and support.

**Telnet** laserbase.com (205.251.32.62)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://laserbase.com>  
**Email** Runr@laserbase.com

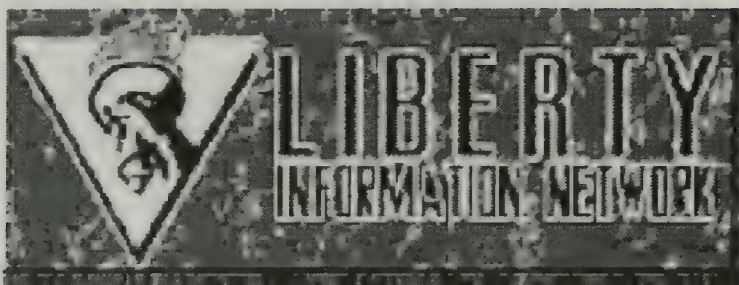
**Location** Austin, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 512.441.5701  
512.441.7780

**Software** CNet Pro  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay**  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Got an Amiga? Telnet on over.



## Liberty BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	5	4	5	4	4	5

### "Providing the best possible overall service available"

With almost 200 nodes, Liberty is a major player on the Internet. Liberty offers several twenty-four-hour international chat networks, satellite-fed newsgroups and files, and twenty-four CDs. An impressive array of live news, weather, sports, and financial feeds will keep you up to date, while e-zines such as *Boardwatch*, *Newsbytes*, and *PC Catalog* will provide stimu-

**Telnet** liberty.com (199.89.140.111)

**FTP** ftp.liberty.com

**Finger** finger.liberty.com

**Web** http://www.liberty.com

**Email** sysop@liberty.com

sysadmin@liberty.com

**Location** Anaheim, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 213.732.2300 800.474.1818

714.996.7777 415.325.6781

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 183

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

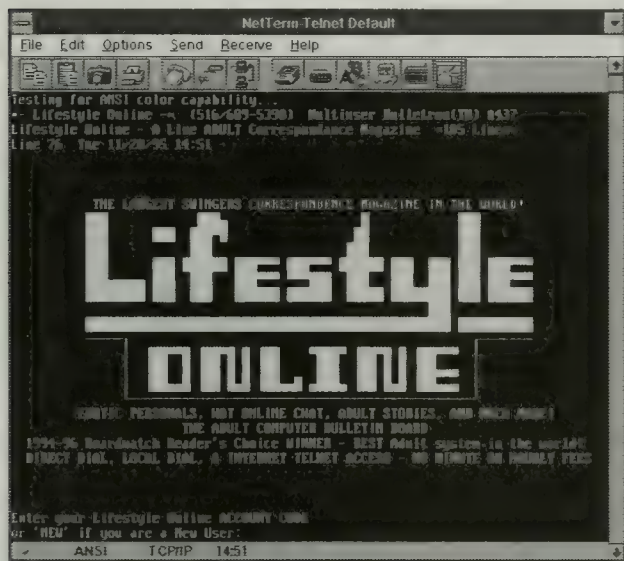
**Access** General audiences

lating reading. But it's not all serious; users can also play a good game of *Doom* or *Trade Wars*.

Of course, Liberty is a full-service Internet provider as well, offering free Web space and shell accounts to its members.

Liberty is one of those BBSs that manages to not only offer almost everything, but does it all very well. This one is well worth the nickel, and definitely worth a visit.

## Lifestyle Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	3	3	3	3	2

Lifestyle Online is a *Boardwatch* magazine award-winning adult BBS for several years running. With over 3,000 adult members and over 2,000 calls per day, Lifestyle is a virtual meeting place for adults the world over, specializing in alternative lifestyles. Public and private chat areas, online personal ads, and special sections for B&D, swinging, fetishes, gay, bisexual, and TV/TS interests. Privacy is of paramount con-

**Telnet** lifestyle.com (166.82.150.22)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** syslife@vnet.net

**Location** East Setauket, Long Island, NY, USA

**Dial-Up** 516.689.5390

**Software** Bulletron-OS/2

**Nodes** 97

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

cern here on Lifestyle, and the sysops promise that all information is 100% confidential. No phone voice verifications are ever done.

If you've been searching the Net for a positively no-censorship, alternative-lifestyle-oriented community, relax and telnet over to Lifestyles Online.

## LINQ BBS



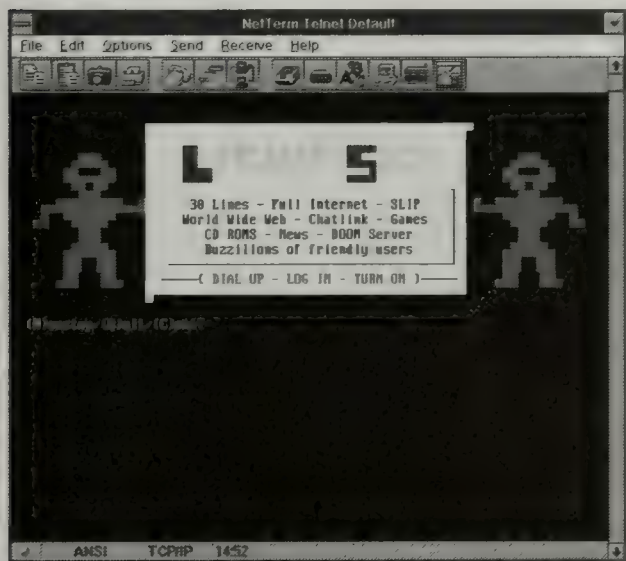
GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	2	3	2

LINQ BBS in Montreal caters exclusively to adults over eighteen. It's adult in two ways, catering to people who are interested in just kicking back and talking to other adults, and offering a place to discuss matters of a more personal nature or download adult files. LINQ also receives thousands of adult

<b>Telnet</b>	linq.com (204.19.224.1)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	<a href="http://www.linq.com">http://www.linq.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:sysop@LINQ.com">sysop@LINQ.com</a> <a href="mailto:Agent.Glad@LINQ.com">Agent.Glad@LINQ.com</a>
<b>Location</b>	Montreal, QC, Canada
<b>Dial-Up</b>	514.522.3866 514.522.5000
<b>Software</b>	TBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	52
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Alias
<b>Access</b>	Adults only

messages every day through its Throbnets international message conference. LINQ's many multiplayer games and over fifteen gigabytes of adult and nonadult files fill out this multipurpose adult community.

## Liquid Sky BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	2	4	3

Liquid Sky BBS is the 303 area code's largest entertainment-oriented MBBS, with more games than you can shake a stick at, including multiplayer Doom, Doom II, and Heretic online, along with TeleArena and Trade Wars. Lots of chat options as well, with Worldlink (links 200 BBSs nightly), Interlink (links select BBSs twenty-four hours a day), and local chat. A well-organized file area with CDs means there's always a good selection of shareware to download.

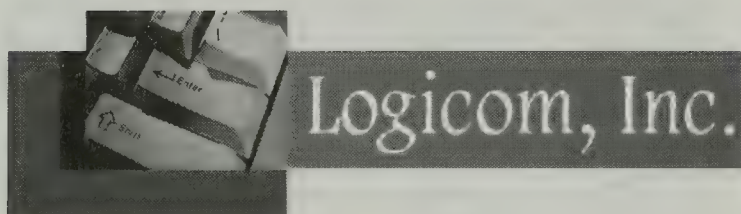
<b>Telnet</b>	liquidsky.com (165.212.242.2)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	<a href="http://liquidsky.com">http://liquidsky.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:sysop@liquidsky.com">sysop@liquidsky.com</a>
<b>Location</b>	Boulder, CO, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	303.443.1692
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	26
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

Liquid Sky is known for its very friendly atmosphere and users, so give it a try, and say "Hi" to Baz, its ever-helpful sysop.

*User Comment (jim.dixon@liquidsky.com):* "Cool online games...Internet access...chat linkups...and always a sysop within type's reach. It's the best-run BBS I've encountered."



## Logic Circuit



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	3	3	3

Logic Circuit is primarily a support BBS for Logicom, a manufacturer of software add-ons for Major BBS. Since its products include Interlink, a national chat network, Logic Circuit is

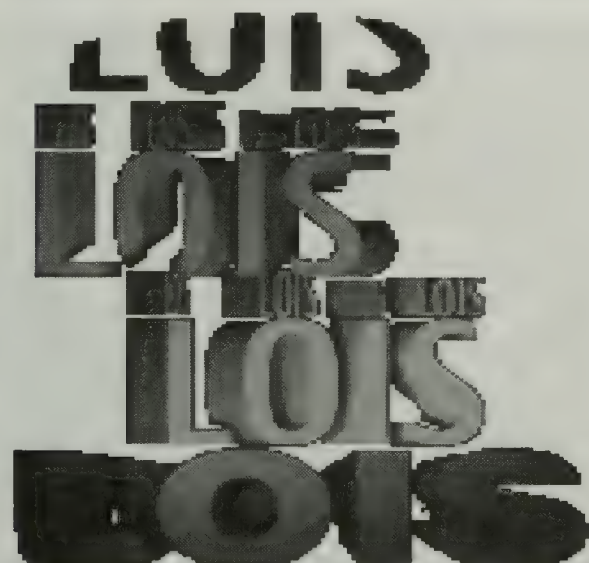
**Telnet** Logicom.com (199.190.88.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://logicom.com>  
**Email** [sysop@logicom.com](mailto:sysop@logicom.com)

**Location** Florida, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

always linked up to many other BBSs with dozens of users in chat. Logic Circuit also carries the complete set of MajorNet message international conferences.

## LOIS: the Link Online in Santa Maria



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	1	1	2	2

The LOIS BBS went online on December 22, 1986, and has been one of central coast California's most popular chat hang-outs ever since. Though the main theme is chat, LOIS also

**Telnet** [lois.org](http://lois.org) (199.74.141.105)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** [system@lois.org](mailto:system@lois.org)  
**Web** <http://www.lois.org>  
**Email** [pete@lois.org](mailto:pete@lois.org)  
[loisop@lois.org](mailto:loisop@lois.org)

**Location** Santa Maria, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 805.928.6969 805.343.6969  
805.473.1414

**Software** MOO  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Answer "N"  
**Access** General audiences

offers Internet email and matchmaking services to its users. LOIS is easy to use and is a very straight-forward chat system.

# Lori's Toy Store

## Alternative life styles

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	3	3	3	4	3

### "Catering to ALL Alternative Life Styles"

Lori's is a progressive, all-adult community, where no lifestyle choices are excluded. Interaction and socializing are the keys to Lori's, and members are encouraged to upload their digitized pics for others to download and to attend the monthly face-to-face gatherings of members. Of course, there's also plenty of live public and private chat, an array of adult message forums,

**Telnet** lorst.com (205.148.230.100)  
**FTP** lorst.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.lorst.com/index.htm>  
**Email** Sam@lorst.com  
Lori@lorst.com

**Location** W. Babylon, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.756.1769

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

including Adult-Link international conferences, and over 10,000 adult images in GIF, JPG, and BMP formats. But Lori's wouldn't be a real toy store if it didn't feature a complete and thoroughly kinky online shopping mall and phone sex services.

Are you sweating yet? Grab a copy of its Windows GUI client and visit Lori's soon.

## Love Bytes



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	2	4	3

Chat is the most popular feature of this gay-oriented BBS running out of San Francisco. It features a twenty-four-hour linkup to the Worldlink international chat network. Matchmaking services are also online to help you find that special someone.

**Telnet** bytenet.com (204.96.26.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@bytenet.com  
**Web** <http://www.bytenet.com>  
**Email** sysop@bytenet.com

**Location** San Francisco, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.383.2983

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 74  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Great games like TeleArena can also be found, as well as a huge twenty-four-CD collection of adult and nonadult files. Love Bytes can be accessed through direct dial-up, telnet, and through Sprintnet 1-800 numbers in many cities.



## Lunatic's Asylum



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	1	4	3

### "Alaska's Nut House on the 'Net'"

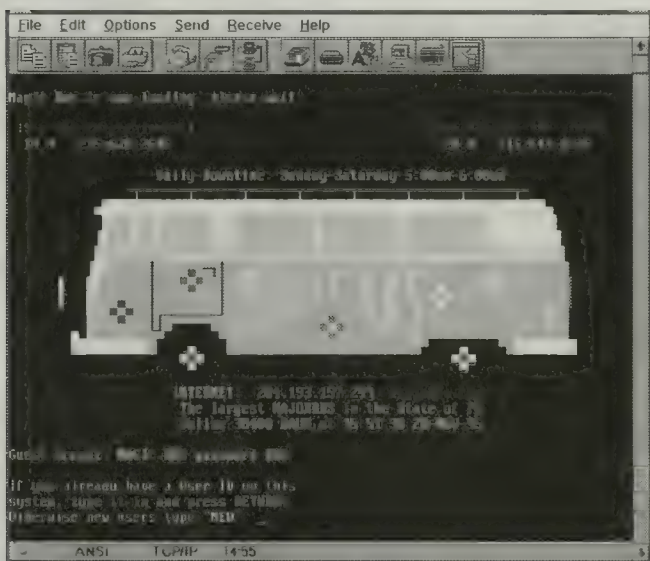
The Lunatic's Asylum is one of Anchorage's most popular hangouts, with a truly insane theme. Residents of the Asylum are given a good collection of games and chat areas to help calm their nerves. The Asylum is also a member of the Game Net network, featuring plenty of inter-BBS competition. The

<b>Telnet</b>	lunatic.ak.net (204.17.241.132)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://lunatic.ak.net
<b>Email</b>	lunatic@lunatic.ak.net ferret@lunatic.ak.net
<b>Location</b>	Anchorage, AK, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	907.274.8645 907.278.8646
<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup
<b>Nodes</b>	32
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

head lunatic assures you that you're bound to find someone online who's even crazier than you are. Full Internet access and all the nuts.

You'd have to be out of your mind not to check in to the Asylum for a little online therapy.

## Magic Bus



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

Magic Bus is Pennsylvania's largest MajorBBS online network, featuring multiuser games, chat and *full* Internet access for \$10 monthly or \$70 per year (including everything, no extra

<b>Telnet</b>	magicbus.com (204.193.157.249)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://magicbus.com
<b>Email</b>	sysop@magicbus.com omega@magicbus.com
<b>Location</b>	Fort Washington, PA, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	215.643.8275 215.628.2646
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	44
<b>Pay</b>	Optional
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

surcharges or hidden costs). Basic services are *free* to anyone, but with limited time per day and calls.

*User Comment (lorelei@fyi.net):* "Lots of fun things to do!"

## MagicVillage



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	3	3	3	2

MagicVillage is a Macintosh-oriented community with the latest Mac software online. Over 500 Mac-related messages, conferences, and general Mac software support, are also features of the MagicVillage. Non-Mac people are allowed online, too, though they probably get dirty looks <g>.

**Telnet** hh.magicvillage.de (194.120.171.64)  
**FTP** 194.120.171.65  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.hh.magicvillage.de/>  
**Email** postmaster@magicvillage.de  
 webmaster@magicvillage.de  
**Location** Hamburg, Germany  
**Dial-Up** +49.40.224330

**Software** FirstClass  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Desired user ID  
**Access** General audiences

Try them out free for 30 minutes a day. Accessing this BBS requires the FirstClass client software, available from the Web site.

## Magnus Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	4	3	3	2	3

Magnus Online is a serious BBS dedicated to business and programmer services. Thousands of programming files, including source code, for UNIX, DOS, and other languages are online, and a UNIX System V programming development machine is available. Members also get a free Web page and an anony-

**Telnet** online.magnus1.com (204.97.15.6)  
**FTP** ftp.magnus1.com  
**Finger** sysop@online.magnus1.com  
**Web** <http://www.magnus1.com>  
**Email** sysop@online.magnus1.com

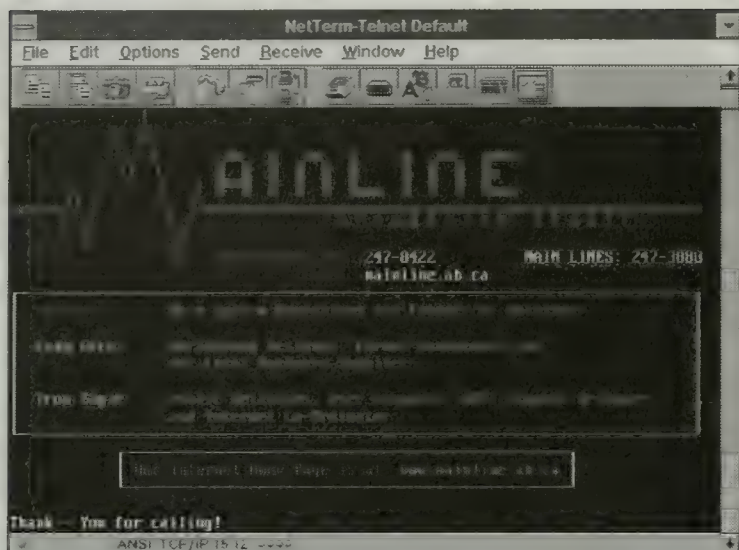
**Location** Bel Air, MD, USA  
**Dial-Up** 410.893.4786  
 410.638.9185  
**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

mous FTP site which can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

This isn't your average Internet BBS, but for the serious programmer or hard-core Internet user, Magnus is a true resource.



## Mainline Information Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	1	3	3

A general-purpose BBS featuring chat, files, message bases, and games. Multiplayer games include the popular MUD,

**Telnet** mainline.ab.ca (207.6.112.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mainline.ab.ca>  
**Email** sysop@mainline.ab.ca

**Location** Calgary, AB, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 403.247.8422  
 403.247.3888

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 17

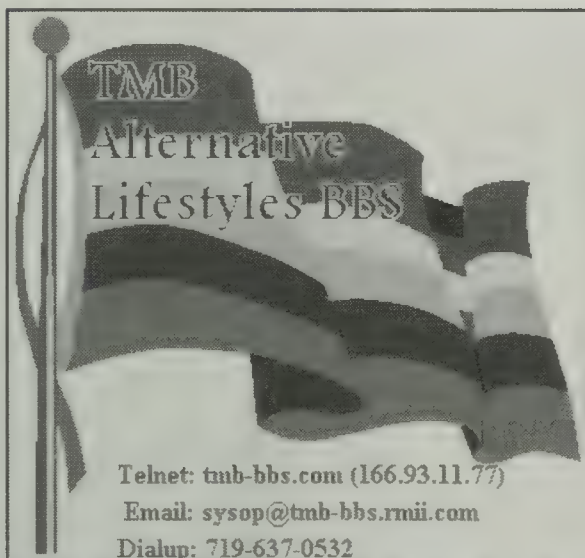
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Swords of Chaos. Nicely done ANSI menus, and an optional graphic front end, make Mainline a colorful diversion off the Net.

## The Male Box BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	1	3	2

**"Southern Colorado's Largest Alternative Lifestyles Adult BBS!"**

Supporting *all* alternate lifestyles, MB offers tens of thousands of adult files, online matchmaking, and even a "bathroom stall" to write anonymous messages on. Plenty of games, too.

**Telnet** tmb-BBS.com (166.93.11.77)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://tmb-BBS.com>  
**Email** sysop@tmb-BBS.rmii.com

**Location** Colorado, USA  
**Dial-Up** 719.637.0532

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 48

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

# The Male Forum



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	2	3	1	3	1

## "The Place to Meet Men"

Okay, ladies, "meeting men" is not exactly what they mean... "men meeting men" is more to their liking. MF is an

**Telnet** mforum.com (166.82.150.41)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** syslife@vnet.net

**Location** East Setauket, Long Island, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.689.0286

**Software** Bulletron-OS/2  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

alternate lifestyles social system catering to the gay community. Their motto is, "Privacy is paramount." So check them out for a *discreet* place to meet...

# Maloca BBS Toronto



[www.maloca.com](http://www.maloca.com)

Toronto: 905-625-0606.....Poland: (011482) 622-0202  
 Telnet: [bbs.maloca.com](http://bbs.maloca.com).....Poland: [bbs.maloka.waw.pl](http://bbs.maloka.waw.pl)

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	3	2	3	3

Maloca in Toronto offers a bit of everything: Networked message forums, including FidoNet, Majornet, and Netaccess. Huge library of shareware, including twenty-four CDs. Live chat both locally and on two international chat networks. And lots of multiplayer games for an ultimate diversion. Of course,

**Telnet** BBS.maloca.com (198.53.160.20)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.maloca.com>  
**Email** stan@maloca.com

**Location** Mississauga, Toronto, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 905.625.0606

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 60  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

they're also full-service Internet providers as well. Maloca is the "sister" BBS to Maloka in Poland (listed separately).

Next time your surfing through Canada, look these guys up—I don't think you'll be disappointed.



## Maloka BBS Warsaw

# Maloka

### Board Bulletin System

**Multimedia, Interactive, MultiNet Connected  
with full Internet access and WWW pages hosting**

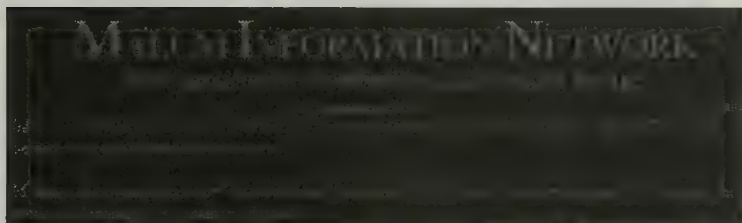


Contact us!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	3	3	3	3

Located in Warsaw, Poland, Maloka offers a variety of local-interest forums, the Polish stock market report (GPW), and international newsfeeds. Several international conference networks, such as FidoNet and Majornet, spice up the online discussion. Maloka subscribes to the Chatlink and Worldlink chat networks, so users from around the world are always available

## Malum Information Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	4	3	2	2

Malum Information Network is a general-interest system that also provides online support for Canadian Micro Werks, a software development company serving Major BBS sysops worldwide. Games include fantasy role-playing, such as TeleArena

**Telnet** BBS.maloka.waw.pl (193.59.67.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.maloka.waw.pl>  
**Email** [galant@maloka.waw.pl](mailto:galant@maloka.waw.pl)

**Location** Warsaw, Poland  
**Dial-Up** 48.2.622.0202

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

to talk twenty-four hours a day. In the file library, sixteen CDs offer a wide selection of current shareware. Maloka is the "sister" BBS to Maloka in Toronto (listed separately).

Stop by for the distinctly east European flavor of Maloka BBS.

**Telnet** malum.ab.ca (206.116.148.8)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://malum.ab.ca>  
**Email**

**Location** Edmonton, AB, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 403.449.6401

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and MajorMUD, as well as multiplayer Doom and Heretic online. As a regional HUB for the MajorNet message base network, Malum imports over 100,000 new messages a day into its forums.

## MariNet, Inc.



## Welcome To MariNet!

### MariNet - Your Key to the World!

Marinette, WI's oldest online service, live on the Internet!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	3	3

MariNet, Inc., has been providing online services to the Marinette, Wisconsin, area for over ten years. Its sysop's goal is "to provide family entertainment and to set an example of how a really good BBS should be run." With six staff people to serve members, you won't feel neglected. MariNet promises to help even the most computer-illiterate newbies find their way

## Marvin



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	1	2	1	2	2

Marvin is a test BBS for a new system called VU which allows BBSs to cluster and appear as a single online community. The user interface can be a bit tricky and could use a little work. Cute *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* theme throughout.

**Telnet** mrnet.com (205.148.241.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** mrnet.com  
**Web** <http://www.mrnet.com>  
**Email** [jobob@mrnet.com](mailto:jobob@mrnet.com) [staff@mrnet.com](mailto:staff@mrnet.com)

**Location** Marinette, WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 715.732.1036

**Software** MajorBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

around the Net. MariNet's menu system is short and snappy, without much graphics or hype. MariNet's services include a full compliment of games and chat areas, as well as over 100,000 shareware files.

A good system for beginners and experts alike, MariNet offers lots of free time to try it out.

**Telnet** tycho.com (206.55.21.1)  
**FTP** tycho.com  
**Finger** tycho.com  
**Web** <http://tycho.com>  
**Email** [dynet@tycho.com](mailto:dynet@tycho.com)

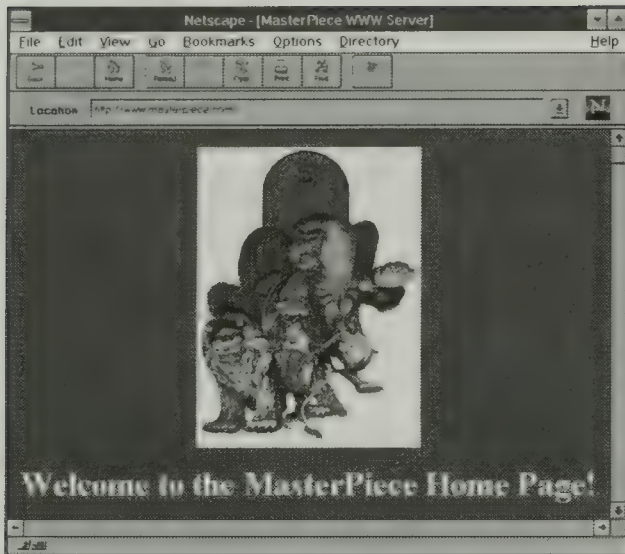
**Location** Woodbridge, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.492.9301

**Software** WorldVU Cluster Atlantis  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** 'register' on login  
**Access** General audiences

The system is being developed with eastern-European customers in mind, with support for Romanian, Italian, and Hungarian languages, hoping to encourage open and free discussion.



## Masterpiece



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	4	3

A full-featured online community with a very attractive interface (nice artwork!). Games and chat abound...it even has an online cyber-flower shop! Try out its Worldgroup client for the best interface.

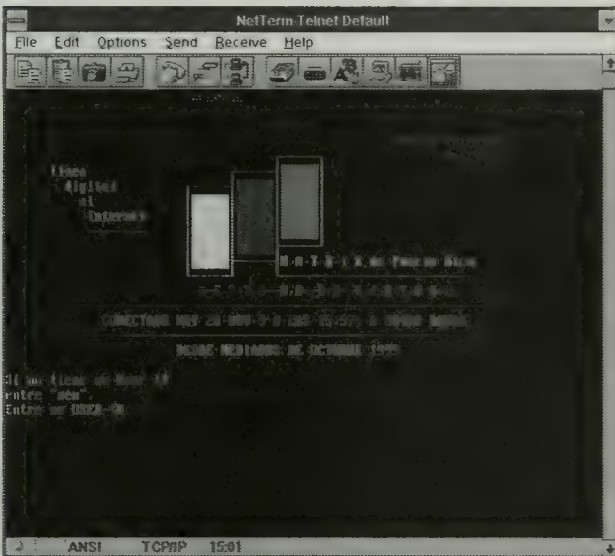
**Telnet** masterpiece.com (204.30.116.11)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.masterpiece.com  
**Email** sysop@masterpiece.com

**Location** Seattle, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 206.639.0899

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 86  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (rainbow@magicbus.com):* "The sysop has created an environment that allows the young and the younger to interact. The combination of games, chat area, and Internet services allows everyone to participate in the board."

## MATRiX de Puerto Rico



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	2	3	3

### "The most advanced Online Service in the Caribbean"

Established in 1992, MATRiX de Puerto Rico offers affordable access to the Internet, including telnet, FTP, Rlogin, WWW, and SLIP connectivity to users in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. MATRiX is accessed through the Internet every day by Puerto Ricans outside of the island as a way to contact their

**Telnet** matrixpr.com (204.183.157.6)  
**FTP** 204.183.157.6  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://matrixpr.com  
**Email** sysop@matrixpr.com  
 floppy@concentric.net

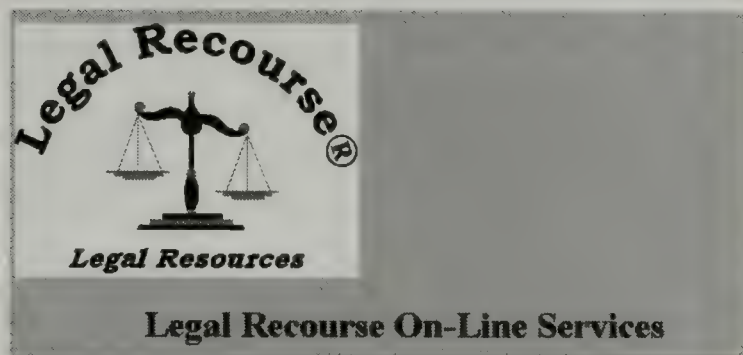
**Location** Carolina, PR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 787.768.5060 787.768.5020  
 787.768.5055 787.768.5080

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

relatives and friends. MATRiX offers multiuser games, including Trade Wars, and lots of Spanish-language chatting. The BBS is entirely in Spanish, so make sure you brush up on your Spanish-reading skills before giving it a call.

*User Comment (onlinenews@matrixpr.com):* "They are the *real thing* in telecommunications for the people."

## MCM III BBS at Legal Recourse



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	4	4	3	3

### "Your Online Legal Resource Center"

MCM III is an informative and educational BBS for people interested in law. Features include Usenet and local newsgroups for legal questions and answers, and hard-to-find newsgroups for law students. MCM III also offers online ordering of

**Telnet** legal.com (206.86.71.145)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** legal.com  
**Web** http://legal.com  
**Email** sysop@legal.com

**Location** Palo Alto, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.856.2820  
415.843.0188  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 6  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

law texts and study aids for law and paralegal students, self-help materials for individuals, statute books, single-volume treatises and legal research CDs for legal professionals. Oh...and they also have a few games online so you have something fun to do between briefs.

## Meeting House BBS

### Welcome to The Meeting House BBS Home Page

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	3	2	3

Meeting House is a general-interest BBS that features international chat linkups (Worldlink), and multiplayer games such as MajorMUD and Trade Wars. Members can also do a little shop-

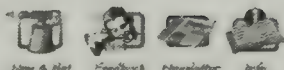
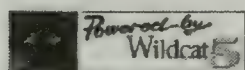
**Telnet** tmh.bbsnet.com (199.1.41.22)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://tmh.bbsnet.com  
**Email** sysop@tmh.bbsnet.com

**Location** Newport, RI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 401.848.2200  
401.435.2200  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

ping in the online mall. There is a special tourist information section for the Newport area.



## Meme Online



- Wildcat! Navigator Tips  
Don't know what to do next? Here is a brief summary of the Wildcat! navigator Clients and what each does
- Today's news!  
Visit **USA Today**, the online version of America's popular newspaper
- Wildcat! 5 creates business solutions!  
Find out how a Wildcat! BBS can benefit your business!

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### "Where the neat stuff is!"

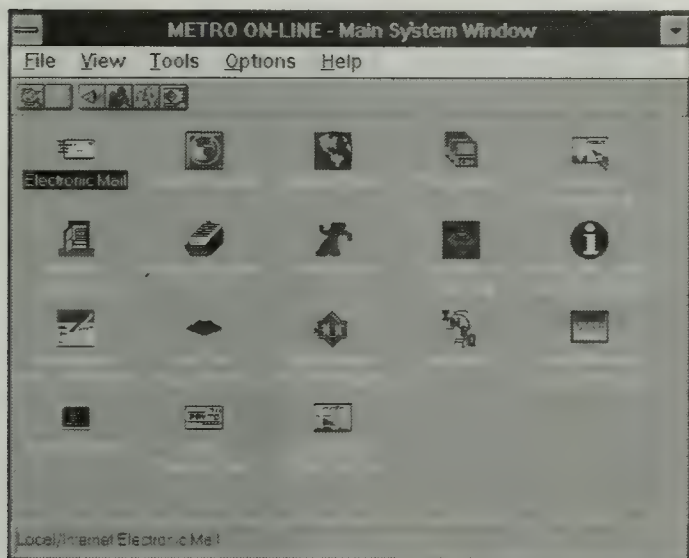
Gamers will love Meme's 60 online games, including L.O.R.D., VGA Planets, and Lunatix. Meme also claims to have online links to every known MUD/MUSH/MOO fantasy role-playing game on the Internet (there would be hundreds)! A matchmaker service, full FidoNet and Usenet message feed,

**Telnet** eris.nas.com (198.182.208.76)  
**FTP** eris.nas.com  
**Finger** plink@nas.com  
**Web** http://eris.nas.com/public/default.htm  
**Email** plink@nas.com  
 root@kali.nas.com  
**Location** Bellingham, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 360.647.7173  
 360.738.9500  
**Software** Wildcat! 5.0  
**Nodes** 24  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

and ten megabytes of new files daily make Meme an interesting online community for many tastes.

*Sysop Comment (Peter Link, a.k.a. DarkMeme):* "BBSs provide a sense of close-knit community that is often missing from the larger Internet sites. ... I believe for this reason that BBSs will not be replaced by the Internet, but that the two communities can cooperate for the betterment of both."

## Metro Online BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	2	1	3	3

### "New York's Largest Adult Only BBS"

Located in Long Island, Metro Online is an all-adult BBS specializing in chat and games. Metro is linked twenty-four hours with the Worldlink chat network, and offers mega-hit role-

**Telnet** nycmetro.com (206.14.119.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.nycmetro.com  
**Email** Sysop@met.com

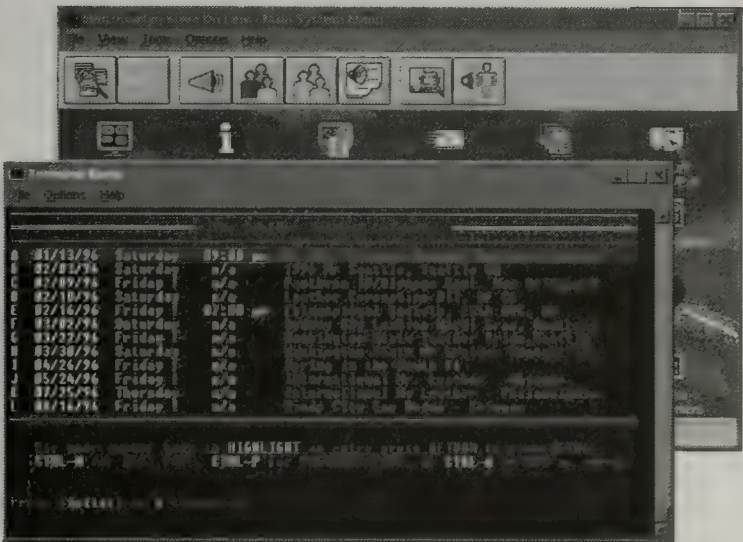
**Location** Long Island, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

playing games like MajorMUD and Trade Wars. Members can also try their luck in the Metro casino.

Metro uses a FAST T1 Internet link, and it's only five bucks a month for telnetters.

# Metro Slave Online BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	3	2	2	4	2

## “DISCIPLINE \* OBEDIENCE \* CHASTITY”

Specializing in bondage and discipline, Metro Slave provides and extensive matchmaking service design to pair the perfect master with the perfect slave. Metro Slave is dedicated not only to serving the B&D/SM community, but also to “improving slaves worldwide.” Complete with an extensive library of adult

Telnet metrolave.com (204.248.55.2)  
FTP  
Finger  
Web http://metrolave.com  
Email sysop@metrolave.com

Location Illinois, USA  
Dial-Up 708.986.0294

Software Worldgroup  
Nodes 8  
Pay Yes  
Login New  
Access Adults only

files, and special leather events, Metro Slave is a a very different type of online community that walks that fine line between pleasure and pain.

Simon says, “Telnet to Metro Slave...don’t make me get the hose.”

# Metropoli BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	0	3	3	3	2	2

Running out of Helsinki, Finland, Metropoli offers a large selection of music, graphics, and programming-oriented files. It carries the complete Finish Usenet newsgroups (sfnet.\* and

Telnet mpoli.fi (193.210.15.65)  
FTP ftp.mpoli.fi  
Finger  
Web http://www.mpoli.fi  
Email teppo@mpoli.fi  
jr@mpoli.fi

Location Helsinki, Finland  
Dial-Up +358.0.61500028 +358.0.61500029  
+358.0.61500030

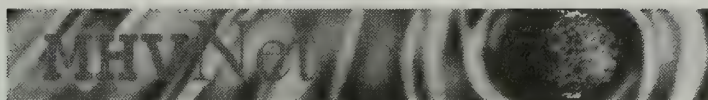
Software PCBoard  
Nodes 30  
Pay Optional  
Login Real name  
Access General audiences

finet.\*) and offers free Internet email addresses for all members. Many features of the BBS are free, though optional payment gets ya more access.



## MHVnet

### Welcome to



## The Mid-Hudson Valley's Internet Connection

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	2	1	2	3

The Mid-Hudson Valley Internet Connection BBS serves as a support BBS for the Internet services portion of this company.

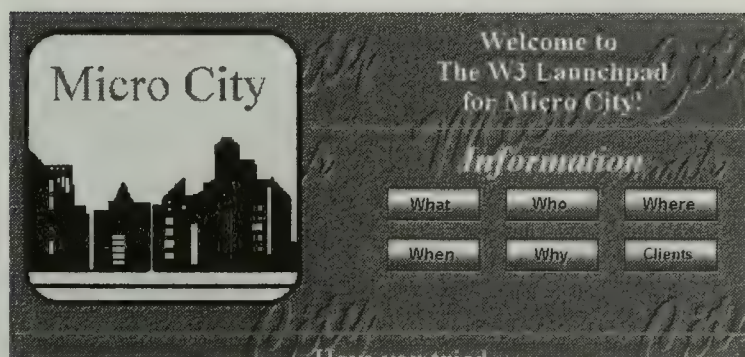
**Telnet** mhv.net (199.0.0.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mhv.net>  
**Email**

**Location** USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 65  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

The BBS is free and offers a good selection of shareware files (ten-plus gigabytes) and chat (both local and IRC).

## Micro City Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	4	3

Micro City Online is a general-purpose "infotainment" BBS designed as a cyber-city, complete with city hall, untouchables, amusement parks, radio stations, shopping malls, and run by a

**Telnet** microcity.com (142.3.161.101)  
**FTP** microcity.com  
**Finger** microcity.com  
**Web** <http://www.microcity.com/>  
**Email** mayor@microcity.com  
postmaster@microcity.com

**Location** Regina, SK, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 306.569.2886 306.791.3377  
306.791.3388

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

"mayor." Excellent menu design is featured along with many top multiuser interactive games (such as TeleArena), chat, and file areas.

## Mike's BBS

### OPENING UP THE WORLD...

*The company  
The products  
Distributors  
Support*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	1	3	1	2	1

Mike's BBS is run out of a Norwegian software design and development company and is oriented to promoting discussion between users from Norway, Europe, and the world at large.

**Telnet** BBS.gar.no (192.150.211.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.gar.no>  
**Email** [mike@BBS.gar.no](mailto:mike@BBS.gar.no)

**Location** Oslo, Norway  
**Dial-Up** 47.22.41.65.88

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Miller's Party Board



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	3	3	2	4	3

**"Come prepared to have a BBS experience like you've never had before"**

MPB is a lively and well-run adult online community, offering unique features such as nightly hosted games of various types and Doom and Descent tournaments (called *ladders*). Self-described as "adult entertainment with a focus on chat," EPB

**Telnet** [mpb.com](http://mpb.com) (199.190.89.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** [mpb.com](http://mpb.com)  
**Web** <http://mpb.com>  
**Email** [miller.lite@mpb.com](mailto:miller.lite@mpb.com)  
[sysop@mpb.com](mailto:sysop@mpb.com)

**Location** Culver City, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 310.815.0117 818.769.2302  
714.739.1060 805.583.3142

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

also offers a good selection of shareware and message bases that round out this fun cyber-village.

*Sysop Comment:* "[Our] openness has lead to a community-like feeling, and our users have become an extended family. If you are open to having fun in an uncensored atmosphere, then you will fit right in. So log on, and make yourself at home."



# MiSTiCA



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	4	3

Mistica is a full-featured *free* Internet BBS with most of the services you'd expect to find on a subscription BBS. A great selection of multiplayer games, including MajorMUD, TeleArena, and Trade Wars, international chat linkups, and a link to international Game Net, puts Mistica on top of the charts for free

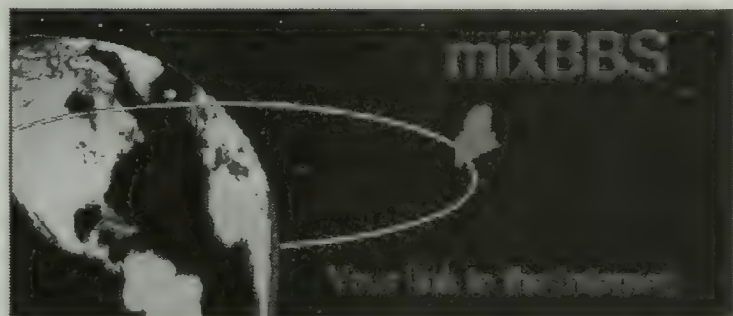
**Telnet** mistica.com (207.8.164.161)  
**FTP** mistica.com  
**Finger** mistica@mistica.com  
**Web** <http://www.mistica.com>  
**Email** [arsik@mistica.com](mailto:arsik@mistica.com)  
[sysop@mistica.com](mailto:sysop@mistica.com)  
**Location** Philadelphia, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 215.934.6990

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 21  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

access online communities. Plenty of shareware files are available as well.

Give Mistica a try...you have *nothing* to lose. Telnet visitors get six hours a day for free, but you can donate money and get unlimited time if six hours ain't enough (sheesh).

## mixBBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	3	2	3

mixBBS offers a good combination of BBS and Internet services. Several word/board games are online, as well as a wealth of online 'zines. Seven CDs of shareware files, and

**Telnet** mixbbs.commdesign.com  
**FTP** (204.164.84.22)  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://mixbbs.commdesign.com>  
**Email** [mixsysop@mixbbs.commdesign.com](mailto:mixsysop@mixbbs.commdesign.com)

**Location** Bar Mills, ME, USA  
**Dial-Up** 207.929.1995

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 7  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

Chatlink national linkups round out the place. mixBBS also runs a connected UNIX host for advanced Internet features and Internet newsgroups.

## Mnematics Videotex



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	2	2	4

Mnematics Videotex is a huge Internet provider offering a variety of BBS features as well. Accessible through the Internet as well as X.25-type dial-up networks (Globenet and Tymnet),

**Telnet** vtx.mne.com (198.178.154.1)  
**FTP** ftp.mne.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.mne.com  
**Email** service@mne.com

**Location** Sparkill, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 914.365.0180

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 255  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** DEMO or Guest  
**Access** General audiences

Mnematics offers a variety of files, games, and real-time chat. A special DOS-based terminal program is also available to enhance the online experience. Online since 1983.

## Modem Madness



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	3	3

Modem Madness is a full-featured online community with plenty of shareware for file hounds, active chat, and a wealth of games. Modem Madness is a member of Game Net, so

**Telnet** madbbs.com (199.190.126.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://madbbs.com  
**Email** nen@madbbs.com

**Location** Jamestown, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 716.483.2851 716.483.2852  
716.661.3978

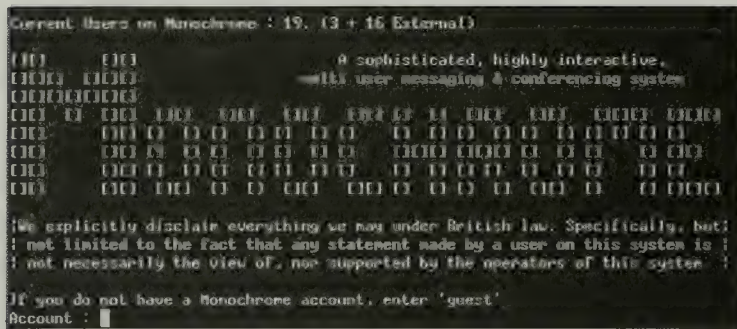
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

there's always some competition online. Adult access is also available for those eighteen or older.

Modem Madness just set up a Web-based BBS accessible with any Web browser and offers free time to check it out.



# Monochrome



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	3	4	2	4	2

## "The Largest Internet BBS in the UK"

Monochrome isn't your average Internet community. It's best described as *different*. It offers a very unusual user interface, with sections designed individually by staff members. Thousands of online debates and ongoing discussions are sure to please anyone looking for a discussion-based community.

**Telnet** mono.org (138.40.17.10)

**FTP** [ftp.mono.org](http://ftp.mono.org)

Finger

**Web** <http://www.mono.org>

**Email** [monoadm@mono.org](mailto:monoadm@mono.org)  
[david@mono.org](mailto:david@mono.org)

**Location** London, UK

## Dial-Up

Software Monochrome

Nodes 250

## Pay No

**Login**   **Guest**

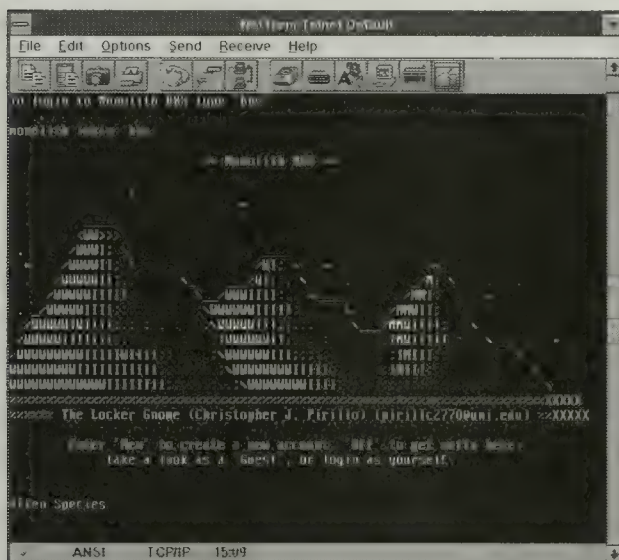
**Access** General audiences

Monochrome hosts regular meets joining people from the UK and around the world.

Overall a very unique and interesting experience, and worth the short trip to the UK.

*Sysop Comment:* "Can the world please have bandwidth preference against large Web transfers? :)"

## Monolith BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	0	4	2	2	2

Monolith BBS is a chat and discussion only BBS located in the Netherlands and is only accessible through the Internet (yep, no phone lines). A wonderful (and *free*) Internet community designed with human interaction in mind.

*User Comment:* "I love Monolith BBS because it is a friendly, warm place to go...the forums are especially wonderful"

**Telnet** cal022011.student.utwente.nl (130.89.228.117)

**FTP** 130.89.228.117

Finger cal022011.student.utwente.nl

**Web** <http://cal022011.student.utwente.nl>

**Email** bbsadm@cal022011.student.utwente.nl  
m.oosterhof@student.utwente.nl

**Location** Enschede, Netherlands

## Dial-Up

Software YAWC (Modified)

Nodes 100

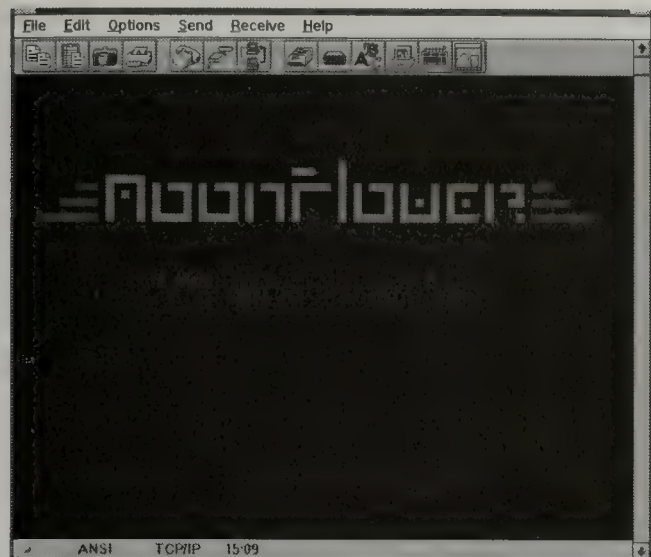
<b>Pay</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Login**   **New**

**Access** General audiences

because they provide an outlet for people to chat about specific subjects. Now, I know a lot of BBSs have forums, but Monolith is small enough that we all know each other...I love that intimacy and family atmosphere that we have. So if I post in a forum I am recognized from another forum and we all chat. It is just really great."

## Moonflower



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	4	2	3	4

Don't let this BBS's small size fool you—it carries a big punch! MF sits on a very fast T1 Internet connection, and offers dial-through service to over sixty other BBSs around the world. MF

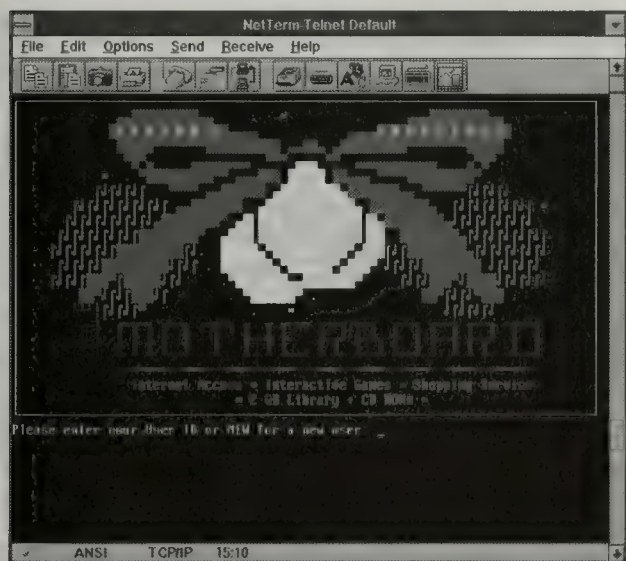
**Telnet** moon.iea.com (198.17.249.11)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.iea.com/~plink/>  
**Email**

**Location** Washington, USA  
**Dial-Up** 509.458.6052

**Software** Maximus/2  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

also features a *full* FidoNet and Internet Usenet feed (and that's a *lot* of messages).

## The Motherboard



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "Hi Mom"

Started in 1984, TMB is one of the oldest and best-known BBSs in southern California. Home to a bunch of very friendly

**Telnet** motherboard.com (204.74.100.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://motherboard.com>  
**Email** sysop@motherboard.com

**Location** Arcadia, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 818.815.4088

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

users, TMB offers a general selection of features such as chat, files, games, and message bases.



## MPI Online Services



MPI On-Line Services

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	1	1	1	4	3

### "The best stop on the Information Superhighway"

MPI features a user-friendly interface and great role-playing games. Stop by for a little MajorMUD (don't worry, it's not as messy as it sounds).

**Telnet** BBS.mpi-net.com (204.71.44.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mpi-net.com>  
**Email**

**Location** Elgin, IL, USA

**Dial-Up** 708.428.6125

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 50

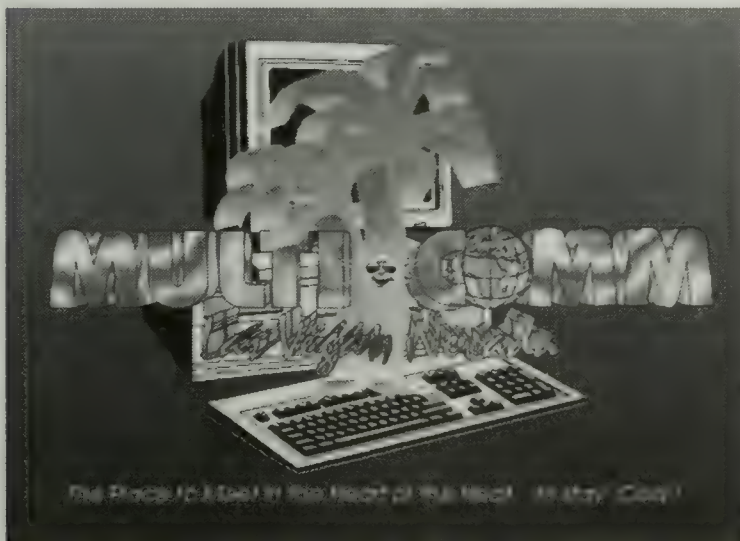
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*Time Harmsen, sysop of MPI:* "BBSs are wonderful communities. Just as you visit other cities to take in the sights, you should visit other BBSs. They reflect the personalities of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people just as small rural communities do."

## Multi-Comm Las Vegas



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	3	3	2	3	3

### "The largest entertainment system in Nevada"

With over 100 nodes, MC offers a large selection of multi-player games (over 70), international forums, live chat, and

**Telnet** mcomm.mclv.net (204.95.95.253)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** 204.95.95.253  
**Web** <http://mclv.net>  
**Email** dragon@mclv.net  
lori@mclv.net

**Location** Las Vegas, NV, USA

**Dial-Up** 702.362.9224

702.362.9085

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 110

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

over four gigabytes of files. MC also offers a visual user registry—you can actually see what its users look like while online (which may or may not be a good thing...heh).

All this for only five bucks a month. Viva Las Vegas!

## Multicom-4 BBS Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	2	2	2	4	3

### "The World's Largest, FREE, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual BBS Network"

A friendly, gay, adults-only cyber-village where like-minded Internet travellers can gather and chat in an unassuming and

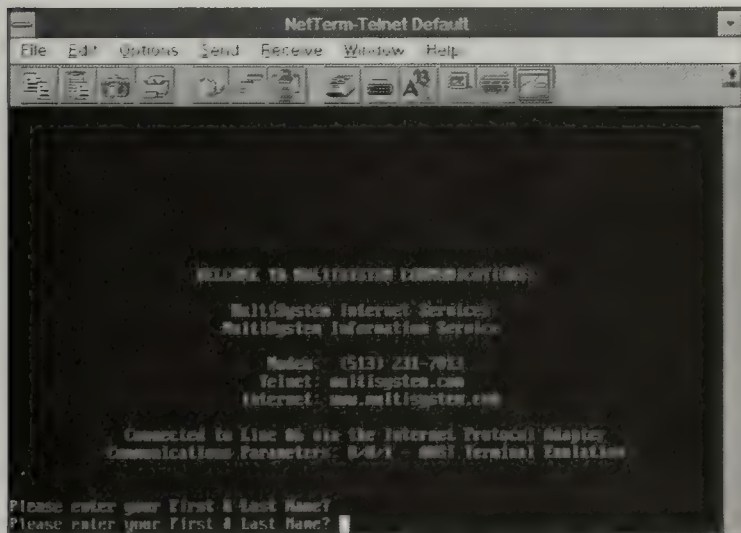
**Telnet** multicom.org (199.190.113.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** multicom.org  
**Web** http://multicom.org  
**Email** sysop@multicom.org

**Location** Rochester, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 716.473.4070 716.756-4300  
 716.756.4316  
**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 128  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

thoroughly open-minded atmosphere. M4 offers full Internet access, too (and you don't *have* to be gay to visit!).

*User Comment (pjs0326@aol.com):* "It gives a forum to chat with people with the same interests as myself... I have met many friends there."

## MultiSystem Information Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	3	2	3	3

MultiSystem operates out of Cincinnati as a local Internet service provider, as well as an interesting cyber-village. Its Share-board service offers over 60,000 current files, while its NetExchange handles many FidoNet message conferences.

**Telnet** multisystem.com (206.112.195.25)  
**FTP** ftp.multisystem.com  
**Finger** @multisystem.com  
**Web** http://www.multisystem.com  
**Email** cwbaker@multisystem.com  
 help@multisystem.com

**Location** Cincinnati, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 513.231.7013

**Software** TBBS 2.3  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

For those seeking entertainment, MultiSystem also provides twenty-five of the best door games around.

Much of the BBS is *free* to the public, though some features require payment.





GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	1	2	4	3	2

NandoNet is a online service offered by the *Raleigh News and Observer*, and as you would expect, offers a great deal of current local, national, and international news. You've got to call them by voice to get an account set up, so check out the Web site first (it's mostly free).

**Telnet** camelot.nando.net (152.52.2.82)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.nando.net>  
**Email**

**Location** Raleigh, NC, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (ladalat@loop.com):* "It's cool, includes almost everything: news, sports, real estate, stocks, fashion, education...all in an easy-to-read format fit for young people."

## Nasty Playmates

*Welcome!*

*To the Naughtiest Cyber Nightclub in the USA*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	4	3	2	1	4	3

**"Hot...Hot...Chat!"**

Ladies get online for free at Nasty Playmates, an adult-only fun house on the Net. Whether you're looking to find the perfect match, post a Internet personal ad, have a cybersex-chat quickie, or just browse through an impressive collection of

**Telnet** np1.com (204.94.47.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.np1.com>  
**Email**

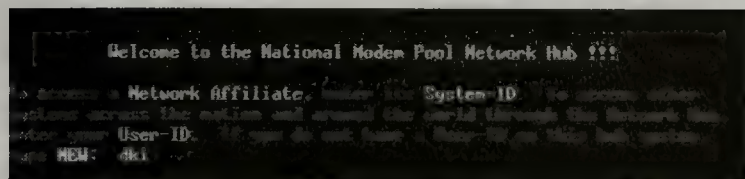
**Location** California, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.374.2627

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

adult files, Nasty Playmates will accommodate your every whim and taste.

If you're looking for an interactive community with a provocative adult theme, Nasty Playmates is a classy club.

# National Modem Pool



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	0	0	0	2	4

**“The National Modem Pool allows you to connect to every BBS in this book”**

With a slogan like that...I had to include this system, even though it's more of a communications gateway to BBSs than an actual BBS. This system, conceived by Stephen Grande (who also verified the BBS Internet addresses in this book), is run out of Liberty BBS. NMP offers its members free connec-

**Telnet** nmp.net (199.89.140.116)  
**FTP** ftp.nmp.net  
**Finger** finger.nmp.net  
**Web** http://www.nmp.net  
**Email** sysop@nmp.net sysadmin@nmp.net

**Location** Anaheim, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 213.732.2300 415.328.0500  
619.527.6115 714.996.7777  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 114  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

tion to a number of BBS network affiliates around the world. Connect to nonaffiliated BBSs for only \$1/hour.

Local dial-up numbers are located in the cities of NMP's affiliate BBSs and in the following area codes: 213, 310, 408, 415, 510, 619, 708, 714, 805 and 909. Access via Sprint-Net X.25 is also available nationwide. Write sysop@nmp.net to see if a node is available in your local calling area.

## NeoNexus Systems



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	4

**“Rochester's finest online entertainment source!”**

NeoNexus started out on just one phone line and has now grown into a full-featured online community, offering files, multiplayer games, and chat. National chat linkups using the Chatlink network are featured daily.

**Telnet** BBS.neonexus.com (205.148.244.20)  
**FTP** ftp.neonexus.com  
**Finger** finger @BBS.neonexus.com  
**Web** http://www.neonexus.com  
**Email** cc@spork.neonexus.com  
sysop@BBS.neonexus.com

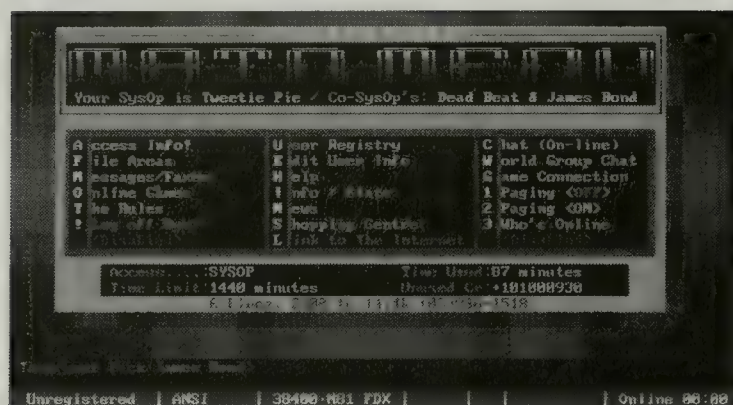
**Location** Rochester, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 716.624.8106

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Friendly sysops help make an Internet newbie feel comfortable and at home. BBS users get free Web pages, too.



## The Nest BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	2	3	3

**"The Nest is the most professional and friendly BBS in OZ!"**

Fly down under to one of Australia's premier online communities. Lots of multiplayer games, chat, message bases, and files make the Nest a BBS worth visiting.

**Telnet** netsbbs.pretech.com.au (203.22.22.2)  
**FTP** ftp.pretech.com.au  
**Finger** nestbbs.pretech.com.au  
**Web** http://www.pretech.com.au  
**Email** sysop@nestbbs.pretech.com.au

**Location** Melbourne, VI, Australia

**Dial-Up** +61.3.9886.1518

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 20

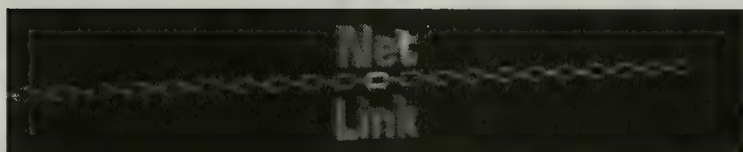
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Settle down in the Nest and make some new friends in Melbourne.

## Net Link Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	1	3	4

**"Specializing in fine entertainment"**

As the official distribution site for thousands of shareware software authors, NL offers a large, high-quality selection of DOS, Windows, and OS/2 files. Over ten megabytes of new files uploaded daily, including a very exclusive and huge adults-only section.

**Telnet** net-link.com (204.254.156.2)  
**FTP** net-link.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.net-link.com  
**Email** bill.lee@net-link.com  
 sysop@net-link.com

**Location** Marin, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 415.456.4567

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 100

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** Adults only

If files aren't your thing, then NL also offers dozens of games, matchmaking services, and chat (including adult-only hot chat). All this and a full-service Internet provider to boot.

A hundred nodes, no waiting. Worth checking out.

## Netropolis Entertainment Server



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	2	3	3

### "Your connection to Brussels"

Located in Belgium, Netropolis offers multiplayer games (including Doom), chat, and a regularly updated file library. Twenty-four-hour international chat linkups via Interlink are also featured.

**Telnet** BBS.netropolis.be (194.137.61.14)  
**FTP** ftp.netropolis.be  
**Finger** BBS.netropolis.be  
**Web** <http://www.netropolis.be/>  
**Email** sysop@netropolis.be

**Location** Brussels, Belgium  
**Dial-Up** 32.2.646.00.88

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

One of Belgium's finest resources (besides waffles and chocolate!)

## Networks Online Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

Networks is a relatively small Internet BBS, but is tightly packed with big-system features. Plenty of chat networking, including a twenty-four-hour Interlink connection, means there's plenty of talk online. Multiplayer game support for

**Telnet** nworks.com (205.246.114.130)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @nworks.com  
**Web** <http://www.nworks.com>  
**Email** sysop@nworks.com

**Location** Wethersfield, CT, USA  
**Dial-Up** 860.257.9906

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Doom and Descent, plus door-type games like L.O.R.D. and Planets TEOS.

Free time is available to check out what these guys are up to.



## New Power BBS, Inc.



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	2	3	4

### "Entertainment and full service Internet provider"

New Power is a full-featured BBS offering a great selection of games, chat, and online shopping options. Shopping is done using a fully graphical shopping mall that members or businesses can use to display their own products. New Power is also linked twenty-four hours a day to the Worldlink interna-

**Telnet** Newpower.com (204.96.24.2)  
**FTP** FTP.Newpower.com  
**Finger** np.newpower.com  
**Web** <http://www.newpower.com/top.html>  
**Email** sysop@newpower.com  
root@nervona.newpower.com  
**Location** Boca Raton, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.750.7665

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 75  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

tional chat network, as well as IRC. Add in some great online games such as Mutants and Trade Wars, and 100,000 shareware files, and you've got a place worth visiting. New Power is also a full-fledged Internet provider offering services for the individual and business communities. Free Web space and UNIX Shell for subscribers.

## New York MatchMaker Pen-Pal Network

### New York/Tri-State Area MatchMaker



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	4	0	2	2	4	1

### "A great place to meet some very friendly people online"

The focus of Pen-Pal is meeting people—in fact, you can't even use this BBS unless you first fill out an online questionnaire to describe yourself to other users. Users are invited to browse through the online member profiles and to chat with those currently online.

**Telnet** newyork.email.net (199.173.74.39)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** newyork.email.net  
**Web** <http://www.newyork.email.net>  
**Email** matchmaker@newyork.email.net

**Location** Smithtown, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.265.3119  
516.231.6966  
**Software** UNIX/Custom  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** mm  
**Access** Adults only

Started over five years ago on one modem, Pen-Pal now uses 50 rack-mounted commercial modems and a T1 Internet connection. Needless to say, this community is growing quickly.

When you do stop by, don't forget to have someone introduce you to FiFi!

# The Nexus Entertainment System



Welcome To The Nexus Entertainment System!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	1	1	3	3

## "The Biggest Doom File Archives in Canada"

Great online games like MajorMUD and Crossroads and the Interlink chat network keep Nexus hopping twenty-four hours

**Telnet** BBS.nexes.com (206.186.176.18)

**FTP**

**Finger** info@BBS.nexes.com

**Web** http://www.nexes.com

**Email** spiker@BBS.nexes.com

sysop@BBS.nexes.com

**Location** Calgary, AB, Canada

**Dial-Up** 403.569.8700

**Software** Worldgroup v1.01

**Nodes** 27

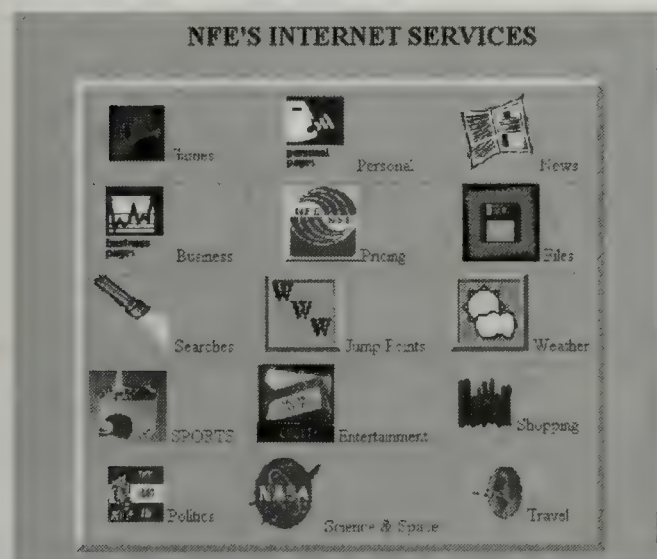
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

a day. Nexus also features a huge collection of WADs for Doom and Doom II, so you can run endless customized scenarios. Free time for telnetters.

## NFE BBS (Naperville File Exchange)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	3	3	3	3

## "Indiana's Largest & Best Multiline BBS"

They grow 'em big out in Indiana, and NFE is no exception, maintaining a whopping 45 gigabytes of shareware and public

**Telnet** nfebbs.nfe.com (199.89.235.68)

**FTP** nfe.com

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.nfe.com

**Email** art.mack@nfe.com

**Location** Lafayette, IN, USA

**Dial-Up** 317.447.9653 317.447.9782

317.449.1253 317.449.1332

**Software** WildCat

**Nodes** 25

**Pay** Yes

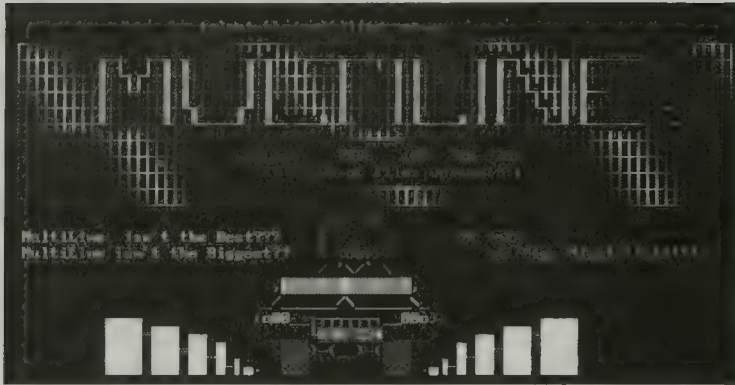
**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

domain files. Several large message nets (FidoNet and Wildnet), online games, chat, and news updated daily will make you want to take a look at NFE.



## 1990 MultiLine BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	5	4	3	3	3

### "Largest File Library in Australia"

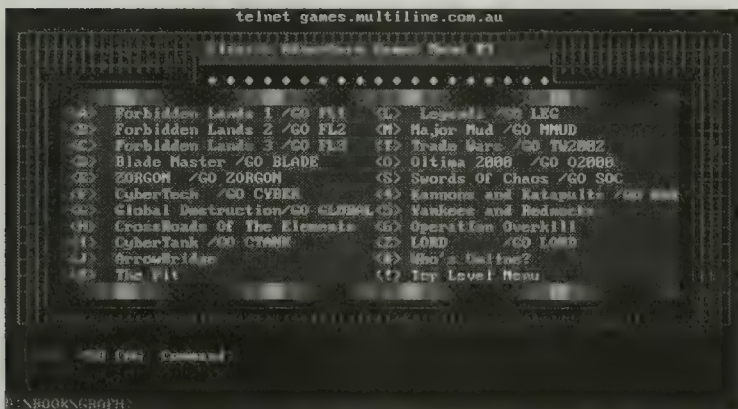
Actually, at 182 gigabytes and 175 online CDs, MultiLine has one of the largest file libraries available in any country. A vast message base, including a *full* FidoNet feed, make this Aussie BBS an *awesome* BBS for sure.

<b>Telnet</b>	BBS.multiline.com.au (203.5.127.230)
<b>FTP</b>	BBS.multiline.com.au
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://multiline.com.au
<b>Email</b>	graeme.platt@BBS.multiline.com.au gloria.platt@BBS.multiline.com.au
<b>Location</b>	Perth, Australia
<b>Dial-Up</b>	+61.9.370-3333
<b>Software</b>	TBBS 64M
<b>Nodes</b>	64
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Real name
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

This is the sister BBS to the MultiLine Games Machine, reviewed separately.

Definitely worth a visit down under.

## 1990 MultiLine Games Machine



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	0	0	0	3	1

### "Australia's largest collection of online games"

A huge range of games, both interactive online and modem-to-modem (such as Doom), are featured on this sister system to the MultiLine BBS. Lots of chat, too.

<b>Telnet</b>	games.multiline.com.au
<b>FTP</b>	(203.5.127.250)
<b>Finger</b>	
<b>Web</b>	http://multiline.com.au
<b>Email</b>	gplatt@multiline.com.au gmplatt@multiline.com.au
<b>Location</b>	Perth, Australia
<b>Dial-Up</b>	+61.9.370.1333
<b>Software</b>	MajorBBS/Worldgroup
<b>Nodes</b>	50
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Real name
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

Take a gander at this Australian gem, and have a chat in the outback.

## Nite Hawk Information Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

Fun chat and games with a friendly group of sysops and users.

**Telnet** nitehawkis.com (198.53.165.112)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** nitehawkis.com  
**Web** <http://www.nitehawkis.com/index.html>  
**Email** paramount@nitehawkis.com  
           socrates@nitehawkis.com  
**Location** Calgary, AB, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 403.246.3860  
  
**Software** Worldgroup 1.01  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## NiteLife—The No-Skanks Adult Graphical BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	0	1	3	2

You'll need a copy of the FirstClass client for Windows or Mac to get online, but once you do, you'll find a wonderful collection of high-quality adult JPEG pics and Quicktime movies. NiteLife prides itself in eliminating all the "skanky" files first,

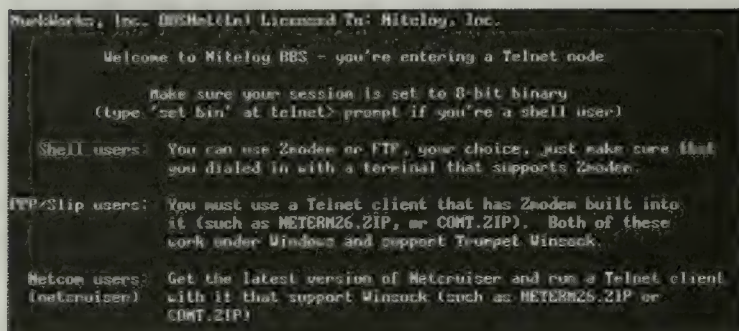
**Telnet** nite.intermac.com 3004 (206.65.200.4)  
**FTP** ftp.intermac.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.intermac.com/nitelife>  
**Email** hoopla@mx.intermac.com  
           Hoopla@intermac.com  
**Location** New York, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 212.740.8235 212.740.8243  
           212.740.8324 212.740.8322  
**Software** FirstClass 2.6  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Any name  
**Access** Adults only

leaving only the best. Complete descriptions of all files online help users find just what they're looking for.

NiteLife is also working on a new Web-based service called Porno-Land (oh boy), expected to be online soon. Check out the NiteLife Web site in the meantime...it's pretty nice!



## Nitelog BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	3	2	1	3	3

**“The best in the West, a superb place for files and graphics”**

Nitelog is a very polished, very professional, online service with something no other Internet BBS has: Karl Van Lear, Nitelog’s sysop.

**Telnet** (165.227.94.25)  
**FTP** 165.227.94.25  
**Finger** 165.227.94.25  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@nitelog.com  
 support@redshift.com

**Location** Marina, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 408.655.1096  
 408.665.8710

### Software

**Nodes** 45  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Any name  
**Access** General audiences

*Karl says:* “A sysop is like a talk show host, you tune in to see what he’s doing this week.”

To see what Karl’s up to, give Nitelog a call.

## North\*Star BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	4	2	1	3	3

**“Northern Manitoban Connection to the Internet”**

It may be cold in Manitoba (ok, its *very* cold in Manitoba) but this northern cyber-community is warm and friendly. Pour yourself a cup of hot cocoa and join in the twenty-four-hour

**Telnet** norcom.mb.ca (205.200.3.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** none  
**Web** <http://www.norcom.mb.ca/>  
**Email** Sysop@norcom.mb.ca  
 Cosysop@norcom.mb.ca

**Location** Thompson, Manitoba, Canada

**Dial-Up** 204.677.7373  
 204.677.9711

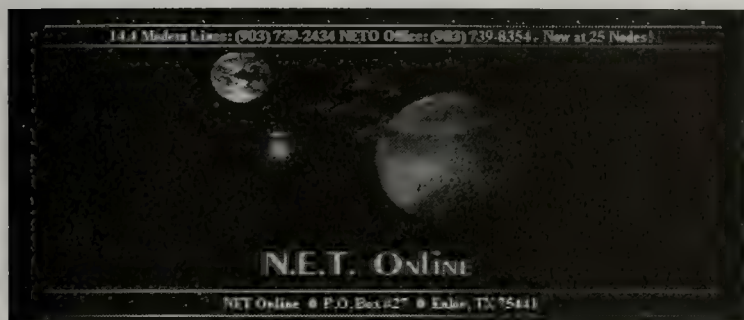
**Software** Major BBS and Vircom

**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Worldlink chat net, play a quick game of chess, or explore one of NS’s 30 online CDs.

And you won’t need a snowmobile to get there, either.

## NorthEast Texas Online (NET Online)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	2	1	3	3

### "Come in and Join our Family"

NET Online is a family-oriented community offering local chat, multiuser games (such as MajorMUD), and Internet access.

**Telnet** neto.com (206.66.39.2)

**FTP** neto.com

**Finger** info@neto.com

**Web** http://neto.com

**Email** sysop@neto.com  
zendar@neto.com

**Location** Paris, TX, USA

**Dial-Up** 903.739.2434 903.739.8335  
903.395.4890

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 42

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Multiplayer support for Doom, Descent, and Heretic is also a fun feature.

## NTIS FedWorld



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	4	5	4	3

### "Your one stop for U.S. Government information"

Run by The National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Fedworld was started in 1992 and was designed as *the* central access point for government information. Virtually any government-related information can be found here, from IRS tax information to environmental regulations. White House press

**Telnet** fedworld.gov (192.239.92.3)

**FTP** ftp.fedworld.gov

**Finger** kirk.fedworld.gov

**Web** http://www.fedworld.gov

**Email** bbunge@fedworld.gov  
awillard@fedworld.gov

**Location** Springfield, VA, USA

**Dial-Up** 703.321.3339  
703.321.8020

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 150

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

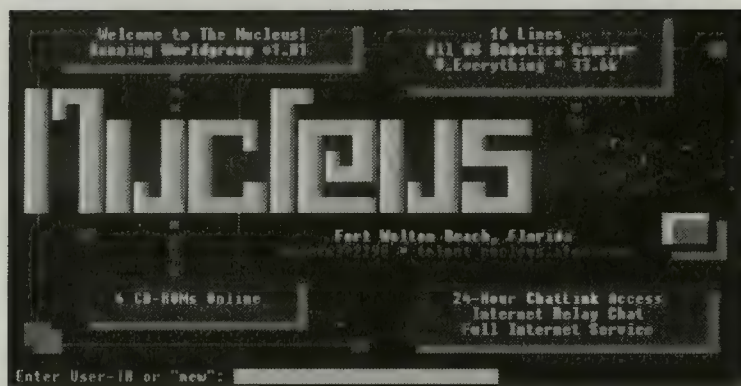
**Access** General audiences

releases are updated almost immediately. Fedworld has gobs of info, and manages to present it in an organized and easy-to-use menu system.

Fedworld also acts as an Internet gateway to over 80 other non-Internet-connected government sites. Best of all...its free!



# The Nucleus



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	3	3

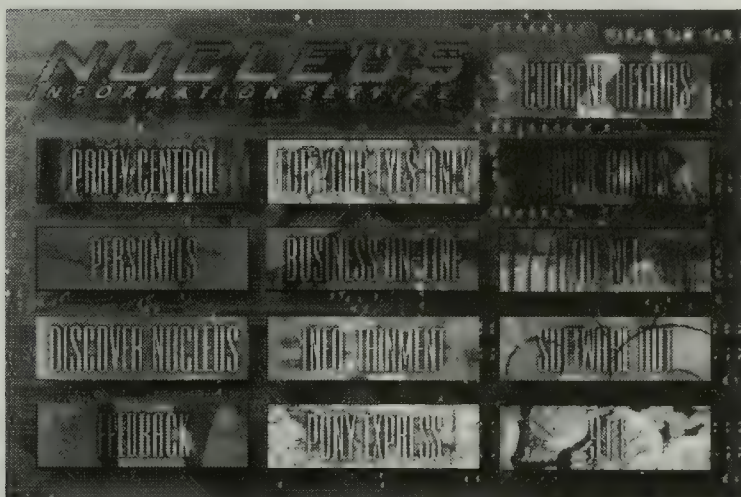
## "The Emerald Coast's fastest growing BBS"

A twenty-four-hour international chat linkup means there's always someone to talk to here on the Nucleus BBS. Nucleus is

<b>Telnet</b>	atom.com (204.49.61.25)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	@nucleus.atom.com
<b>Web</b>	http://nucleus.atom.com/
<b>Email</b>	nci@atom.com sysop@nucleus.atom.com
<b>Location</b>	Fort Walton Beach, FL, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	904.863.2290 904.936.9100
<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup 2.0
<b>Nodes</b>	50
<b>Pay</b>	Optional
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

also a member of Game Net, which links over 30 BBSs together for competitive, real-time, multiuser gaming. Six CDs of files are also online for the file hounds.

# Nucleus Information Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	4	3

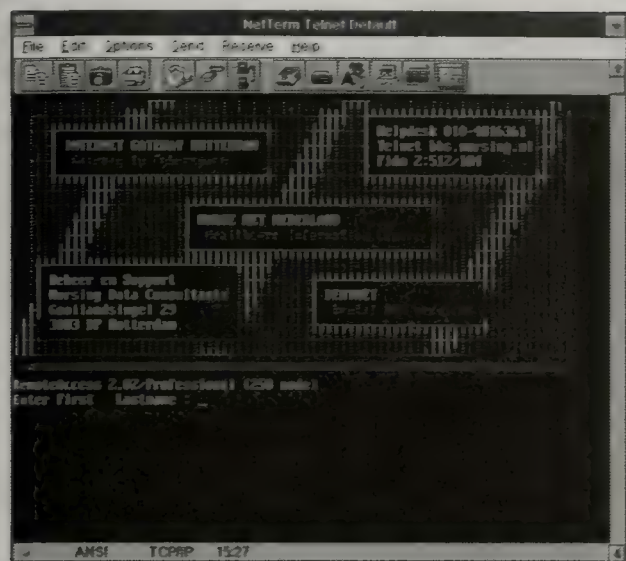
## "Alberta's largest online service"

NIS takes pride in its ability to cater to the individual as well as the business sector. It has twenty-four CDs online, a great selection of games, and very active chat. But what makes NIS a place worth visiting is the real sense of place and community it provides its inhabitants.

<b>Telnet</b>	nis.nucleus.com (199.45.65.130)
<b>FTP</b>	ftp.nucleus.com
<b>Finger</b>	nucleus.com and nis.nucleus.com
<b>Web</b>	http://www.nucleus.com
<b>Email</b>	berzins@nucleus.com
<b>Location</b>	Calgary, AB, Canada
<b>Dial-Up</b>	403.541.9400 403.541.9464 403.541.9470 403.541.9474
<b>Software</b>	MBBS
<b>Nodes</b>	100
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	Login as new
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

*Sysop Comment (Jim Hribnak):* "Everyone needs a gathering place or focal point. BBSs now have the opportunity to become one of those focal points. The future has never been brighter for BBSs!"

## Nurse Net Nederland



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	4	2	2

Nurse Net Nederland is a Healthcare information center, featuring over 15 gigabytes of software geared to the health care

**Telnet** BBS.nursing.nl (193.78.222.138)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.nursing.nl>  
**Email** sikko@nursing.nl

**Location** Rotterdam, Netherlands  
**Dial-Up** 31.10.4101933

**Software** RA pro  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

industry. Nurse Net also carries all the FidoNet and Internet health-related message conferences.

## Odyssey Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	3	3	1	4	4

### "Full-featured adult online service"

Online since 1988, and reviewed on national TV (*The Phil Donahue Show* and *Good Morning America*, to name two) and national magazines (such as *Time* and *Boardwatch*), Odyssey is one of the premier adult communities on the Internet.

**Telnet** odyssey.ody.com (204.94.37.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://odyssey.ody.com>  
**Email** root@odyssey.ody.com

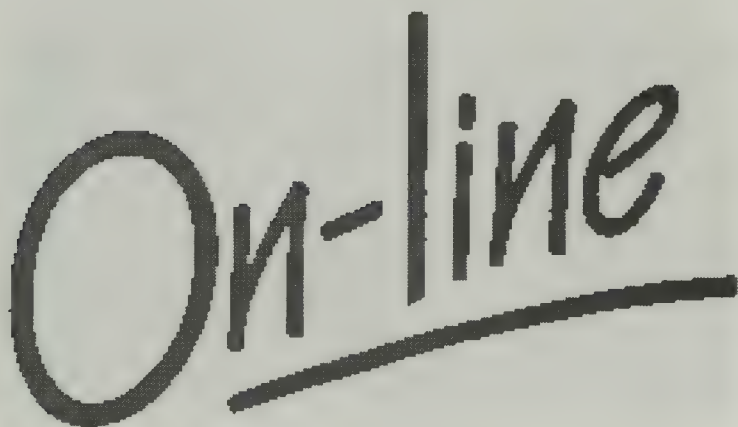
**Location** Monrovia, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 818.358.6968

**Software** Custom/MBBS  
**Nodes** 134  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Menu  
**Access** Adults only

A full complement of adult files and hot chat, adult-oriented forums, and a variety of original MUD games, make Odyssey a great place to visit. Complete Internet access is also featured, including over 8,000 Usenet conferences.



## On-Line Entertainment



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
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### "The European Interactive Leisure Community"

On-Line offers a huge selection of games for sale, as well as several graphical virtual-reality-type multiplayer games that can

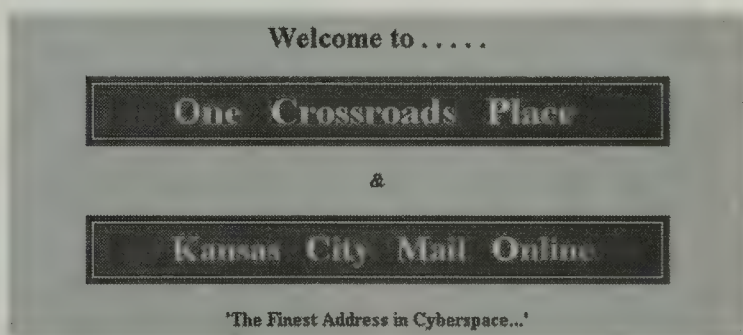
**Telnet** connect.on-line.co.uk (193.130.168.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.on-line.co.uk>  
**Email**

**Location** United Kingdom  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Connect  
**Access** General audiences

be enjoyed on the BBS itself. Most notable is Air Warrior, a 3D air combat game. Several role-playing games are also online.

## One Crossroads Place BBS—Kansas City Mail Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	4	3	3

### "The Super Cyberspace Complex"

OCP is interconnected to over 150 other systems, and is the host system for many virtual BBSs (BBSs running on OCP). OCP offers a large library of books and 'zines online, including *Sysops News* and *Computers Today*. OCP also has a Web-based system running at [www.kcmo.com/wb/](http://www.kcmo.com/wb/). OCP has a lot of everything, including games, chat, files, and business services.

**Telnet** kcmo.com (198.69.223.38)  
**FTP** ftp.kcmo.com  
**Finger** info.kcmo.com  
**Web** <http://kcmo.com/>  
**Email** sysop@kcmo.com  
graeme@kcmo.com

**Location** Kansas City, MO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 913.663.1100 913.663.2050  
913.664.5082 ISDN

**Software** Major & Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 56  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

OCP is run by Graeme Gibson, host of the television show *Computers Today*, and well-known author of computer books.

For a trial look at this fine system, login as *anonymous*, and use the password *guest*.



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1USA.COM is always changing. Stop by frequently to see the new features.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	2	3

Plenty of shareware files, discussion forums, active chat, as well as a few unique games. 1USA is also a full-service Internet provider offering SLIP, Web space, and newsgroups.

**Telnet** 1usa.com (205.148.243.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.1usa.com>  
**Email** sysop@1usa.com

**Location** Reading, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 610.678.8887 610.385.7911  
610.682.6884

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 32

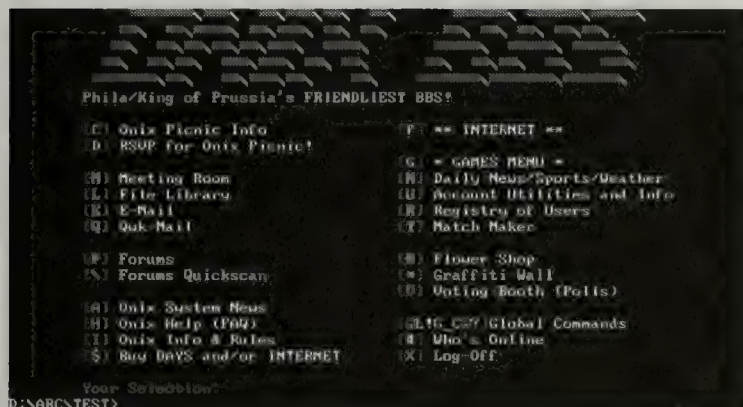
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Five hours free with no validation required for telnetters.

## Onix BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Philadelphia's Friendliest BBS!"

Featured in *Boardwatch* magazine's Top 100 BBSs for 1994 and the book *BBSs for Dummies*, this 47-node Philadelphia online community has a lot to be proud of. Over 125,000 files for the PC, Macintosh, and Amiga, 40-plus multiplayer games,

**Telnet** onix.com (198.70.176.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@onix.com  
**Web** <http://www.onix.com>  
**Email** sysop@onix.com

**Location** Philadelphia, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 215.883.1900

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 47

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

and international chat linkups, are just some of Onix's best features.

Full Internet access is only \$5 a month, and visitors get a month free to look around.

*Sysop Quote (Jeff Miller):* "The Web is revolutionary, but there will *always* be a place for dial-up services."



## Online Data Systems



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	0	1	3	3

### "Milwaukee's Hottest Computer Entertainment Network"

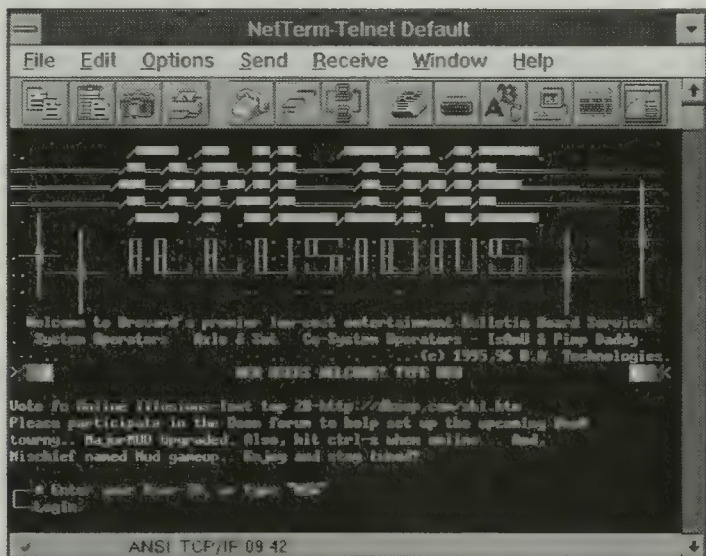
ODS features a huge collection of action and fantasy games (Galactic Empire, Forbidden Lands, and more), six CDs of files, and networked chat. It hosts lots of local events, too, like the

<b>Telnet</b>	ods.ods.net (204.95.172.4)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	@ods.ods.net or info@ods.ods.net
<b>Web</b>	http://www.ods.net
<b>Email</b>	sysop@ods.ods.net postmaster@ods.ods.net
<b>Location</b>	Milwaukee, WI, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	414.546.7900 414.761.5133 414.939.4670
<b>Software</b>	MBBS WG
<b>Nodes</b>	60
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

yearly BBS birthday bash, annual picnic, and Thursday night online trivia. All ages are welcome at ODS.

*User Comment (shadow@ods.ods.net):* "Easy to use, helpful staff, reasonable prices, and a fun atmosphere."

## Online Illusions



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	1	3	3

Online Illusions is an all around entertainment BBS, with loads of games including Trade Wars 2002 and MajorMUD, a large file selection with over 50,000 files, active forums and Usenet

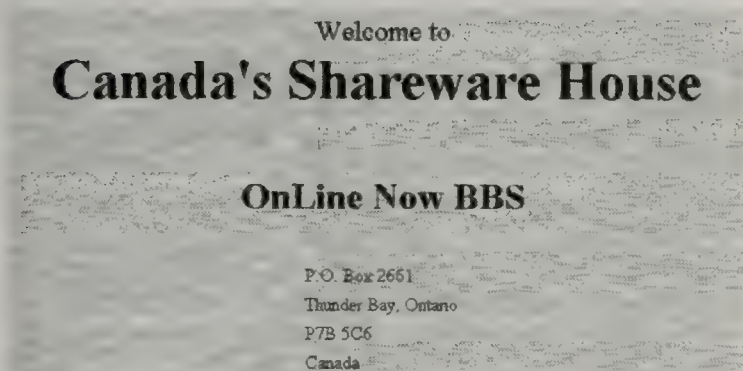
<b>Telnet</b>	lusions.com (205.218.80.37)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	lusions.com
<b>Web</b>	http://lusions.com
<b>Email</b>	sysop@lusions.com

<b>Location</b>	Melbourne, FL, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	407.722.5020

<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup
<b>Nodes</b>	14
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

groups, and full Internet access. Multiplayer Doom, with an ongoing Doom ladder competition, is sure to please the Doomsters. Free time to check it out.

## OnLine Now



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	4	1	3	3

### "Instant Gratification for PC Users"

ON is well known for its huge, and exceptionally well-maintained file area featuring over 35 gigabytes of current shareware. All files are manually inspected by the sysops, so they are all topnotch and virus-free. Twenty-four online CDs

**Telnet** oln.com (204.50.181.1)  
**FTP** ftp.oln.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.oln.com  
**Email** tom@oln.com gary@oln.com

**Location** Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

**Dial-Up** 807.345.1531

807.346.8894

**Software** TBBS

**Nodes** 30

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Demo/Graphics

**Access** General audiences

and over 1,000 message forums (FidoNet, Usenet, NANet, and more) round out this Canadian community.

Take a quick telnet to Ontario and see for yourself why ON is called "Canada's Sharewarehouse."

## Online Orlando



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	3	2	3	2	4

OO is a full-service Internet provider with an interesting twist. OO features a unique tie-in with a local rock station (WJRR 101.1 FM in Orlando) which hosts a special forum and a 15,000 song lyric library. And on Monday nights, OO hosts a Star Trek Trivia contest with "Spock," a local DJ personality.

**Telnet** oo.com (204.215.243.15)  
**FTP** oo.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://oo.com  
**Email** tim@oo.com

**Location** Winter Park, FL, USA

**Dial-Up** 407.292.2970

407.292.4259

**Software** CNet/UNIX

**Nodes** 30

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (wolf100@msn.com):* "I used to live in Orlando, and this is how I keep up with the news of my old home town."



# The Online Pitstop (Top.Net)

## The Online PitStop

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	1	2	4

**"New files daily from all over the country!"**

The Pitstop specializes in file and messaging, with over fifteen gigabytes of files (no CDs—all on hard disk), and a full FidoNet

**Telnet** top.net (204.214.28.129)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.top.net>  
**Email** bob@top.net jim@top.net

**Location** Bellevue, NE, USA  
**Dial-Up** 402.293.0384 402.292.9588  
402.292.3637 402.291.1648  
**Software** PCBoard 15.2  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

and Usenet message feed. Shell access for the techies, and adult files for those that can prove their age.

Most of this system is free, so you might want to check 'em out.

## ONline Welcome

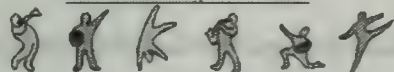
### ONline Welcome

make your modem smoke

*Formstar - The South African Horse Racing Database*

*NEW The Truth & Reconciliation Commission NEW*

*The Johannesburg Civic Theatre*



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	3	5	3	3	3

**"Make your Modem Smoke"**

ONWE is a virtual gem from South Africa, featuring a wide range of message networks, including RIME, Intelec, U'NI-net, Ilink, RsaNET, and Usenet. (Some of these are very hard to find on the Internet!)

**Telnet** BBS.onwe.co.za (196.7.192.2)  
**FTP** ftp.onwe.co.za  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.onwe.co.za>  
**Email** whisky@onwe.co.za  
bbsinfo@onwe.co.za

**Location** Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa  
**Dial-Up** +27.11.462.1130 +27.11.462.1338  
+27.11.462.1229 +27.11.462.4590  
**Software** PCBoard 15.2  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

If you're looking to get away from the average American BBS, take a quick trip to Online Welcome in Johannesburg.

Now, how do I exchange Rands for Dollars?

## The Oracle BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	2

A nice selection of games (including online Doom and Hexen), and interesting online conversation are the Oracle's slice of the net. Try out its Worldgroup GUI client for the best interface.

<b>Telnet</b>	oraclebbs.com (207.60.94.1)
<b>FTP</b>	
<b>Finger</b>	info@oraclebbs.com
<b>Web</b>	http://www.oraclebbs.com
<b>Email</b>	glacius@oraclebbs.com carnage@oraclebbs.com
<b>Location</b>	Ellington, CT, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	860.875.3307
<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup 1.01
<b>Nodes</b>	12
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

Free demo time for wayward travellers.

## The Orion BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	1	1	3	3

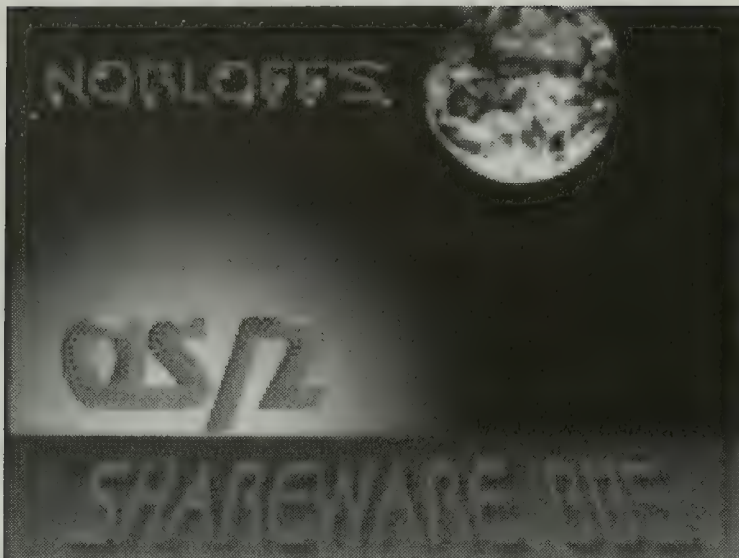
Orion is an all-ages community built around fun chat and exciting interactive games. Mega-hit games like Doom and Descent can be played multiuser on Orion, as well as MajorMUD, Trade Wars, and Swords of Chaos. Orion is also a member of Game

<b>Telnet</b>	orionsys.com (205.148.224.2)
<b>FTP</b>	orionsys.com
<b>Finger</b>	orionsys.com
<b>Web</b>	http://www.orionsys.com/
<b>Email</b>	dbabler@orionsys.com
<b>Location</b>	Vancouver, WA, USA
<b>Dial-Up</b>	360.693.5365
<b>Software</b>	Worldgroup
<b>Nodes</b>	30
<b>Pay</b>	Yes
<b>Login</b>	New
<b>Access</b>	General audiences

Net, offering inter-BBS networked games with international competitions. Over 20,000 shareware files are available in its libraries when you take a break from the Doom fraggin'.



## OS/2 Shareware BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	4	3	4	3	2

### "Catering to OS/2 Users and Developers"

What a haven for OS/2 Warpers! Over two gigabytes of OS/2 files and close to a hundred OS/2 specific message bases give this BBS one of the largest collections of OS/2 shareware and information available on the Internet. Over 9,000 members

**Telnet** BBS.os2bbs.com (204.194.180.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** BBS.os2bbs.com or os2bbs.com  
**Web** <http://www.os2bbs.com>  
**Email** pnorloff@BBS.os2bbs.com

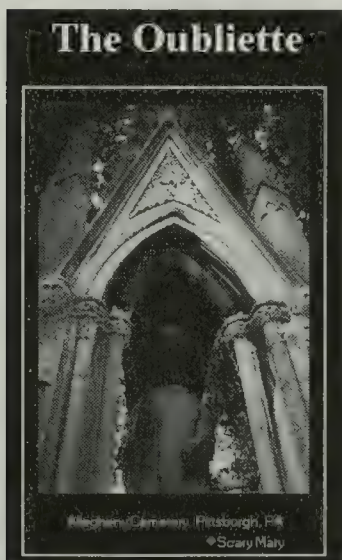
**Location** Fairfax, VA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.385.4325

**Software** Maximus  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

from 33 different countries have already discovered this high-tech resource...free access levels, too!

*User Comment (smcmahon@chickasaw.com): "The best OS/2 file collection, bar none."*

## The Oubliette



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	3	3	1

### "Home of Obsidian 'Zine"

The Oubliette is a Web-based BBS specializing in the darker side of the Net. Chat areas for vampires, the occult, and the paranormal are just a few of this site's unique offerings. From

**Telnet**  
**FTP**  
**Finger** zillah@algol.frenzy.com  
**Web** <http://vulcan.icorp.net/~nothing/BBS/oo.html>  
**Email** zillah@algol.frenzy.com  
nothing@vulcan.icorp.net

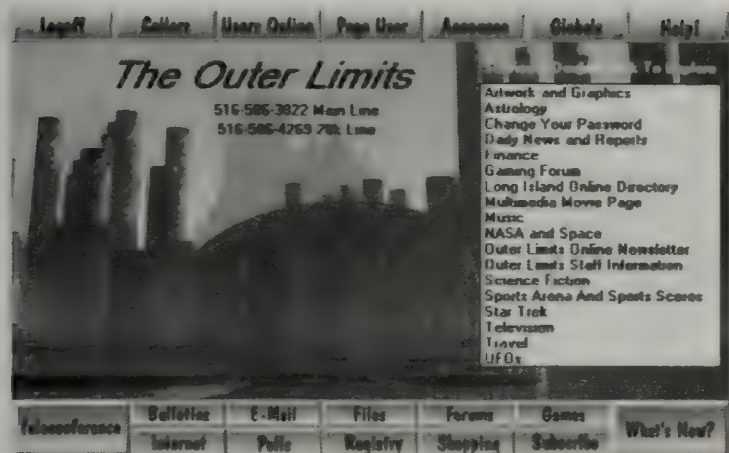
**Location** New Orleans, LA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Web  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** No login, free access  
**Access** General audiences

gothic subculture to discordian theology, Oubliette is a unique Internet dungeon.

Stop by for the grand opening, and get free access *for life*.

# Outer Limits Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	4	3

## "Online Entertainment System"

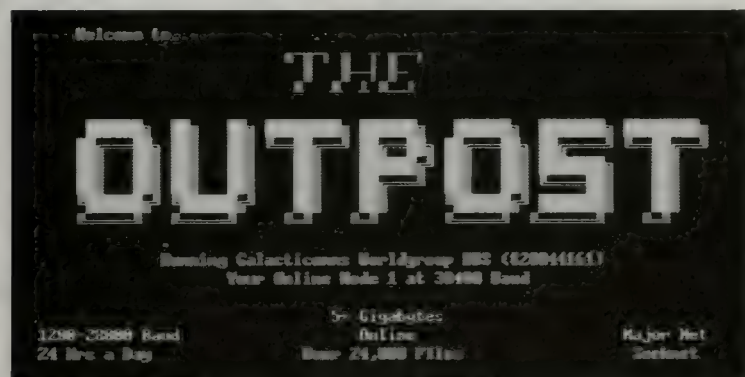
Pushing the new Worldgroup 2.0 client interface to the max, OL offers a good combination of chat and games. Friendly and helpful sysops, too.

**Telnet** outerlimits.net (206.112.33.2)  
**FTP** outerlimits.net  
**Finger** outerlimits.net  
**Web** http://www.outerlimits.net  
**Email** manicone@outerlimits.net

**Location** Plainview, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 516.753.1960

**Software** Worldgroup 2.0  
**Nodes** 44  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

# The Outpost



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	2	2	3

## "West Chester PA's Most Popular On-ramp to the Internet"

Featuring chat, online games, over five gigabytes of files, and personal and classified ads. The Outpost is also the tech sup-

**Telnet** pclogiconline.com (198.70.191.73)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** 198.70.191.73  
**Web** http://www.pclogiconline.com  
**Email** rteaford@pclogiconline.com

**Location** West Chester, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 610.918.9302

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 14  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

port and sales BBS for PC Logic, a computer systems reseller.



## "OVER the EDGE!!" Adult Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	4	2	2	4	2

### "World's Largest 24-bit Erotica Collection Online"

Over the Edge crosses the line with one of the largest collections of high-resolution smut on the Internet. Private chat-rooms, alternative message conferences, and adult matchmaking services are also offered on this mecca of cyber-sleaze.

**Telnet** 198.30.29.61  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://iwaynet.net/~overedge/home.html>  
**Email** [overedge@iwaynet.net](mailto:overedge@iwaynet.net)

**Location** Columbus, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 614.444.4469

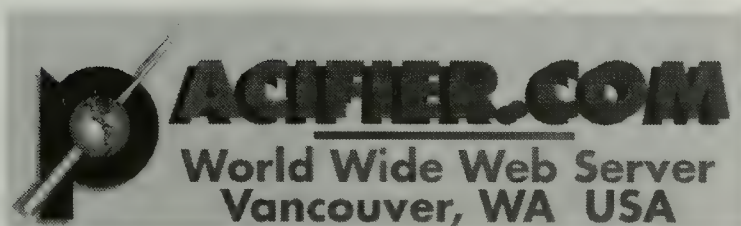
**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Any handle  
**Access** Adults only

Free access to all the nonadult stuff, including general shareware files.

Download its Windows-based Excalibur client to get online.

*Sysop Quote:* "We're setting the trend in contemporary adult visualization!"

## Pacifier Online Data Service (P.O.D.S.)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	3	4	4	4

### "The greatest breakthrough in communications since the fax machine"

PODS is a full-featured BBS, combining the best of BBSing and Internetting all in one package. Lots of files (over 30 gigabytes), an online shopping mall, and a wealth of financial and business related information makes PODS stand out from the ordinary Internet BBS.

**Telnet** [pods.pacifier.com](http://pods.pacifier.com) (199.2.117.106)  
**FTP** [pacifier.com](http://pacifier.com)  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.pacifier.com>  
**Email** [sales@pacifier.com](mailto:sales@pacifier.com)

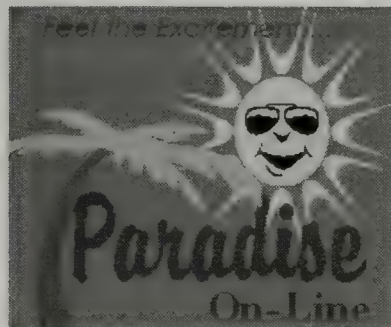
**Location** Vancouver, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 360.693.0325  
360.254.3886

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

It's not just all serious stuff with PODS. They also offer games and online chat so you can mix a little pleasure with your business.

*User Comment (gtaylor@pacifier.com):* "Pacifier has the strangest bunch of characters to chat with anywhere on the Net."

## Paradise Play Line BBS



### Online Entertainment

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	4	3

#### "Feel the Excitement!"

Paradise Play has 50 lines of pleasure and friendship, serving singles, swingers dating, matchmaking and socials. Paradise Play is geared to hedonists everywhere, offering a great collec-

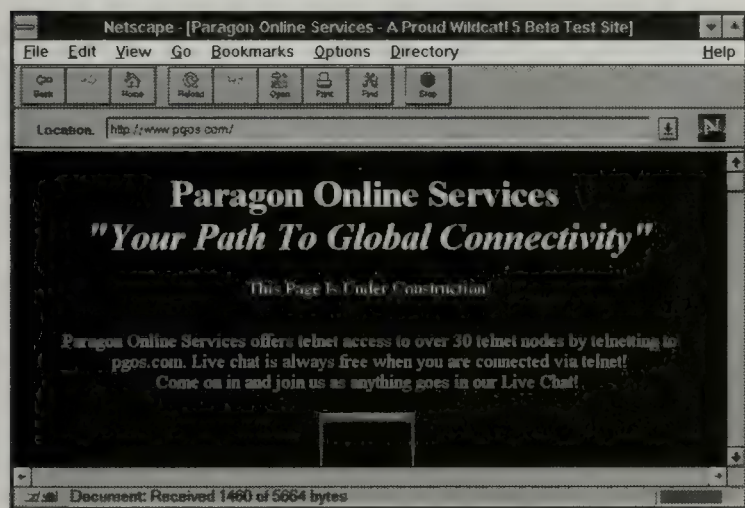
**Telnet** pplnet.com (205.240.194.3)  
**FTP** pplnet.com  
**Finger** @pplnet.com/@paradise.pplnet.com  
**Web** http://pplnet.com  
**Email** sysop@pplnet.com

**Location** Houston, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 713.597.4000 713.597.4011  
713.597.4049 713.597.4025  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 50  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

tion of games (including Erotica FRP), hot and steamy chat in the Paradise's Naked Hot Tub, and over four gigabytes of files.

An island paradise for Internet vacationers everywhere.

## Paragon Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

Paragon is a general-interest Wildcat BBS with files and Internet access. A new graphical interface makes this a true multimedia experience.

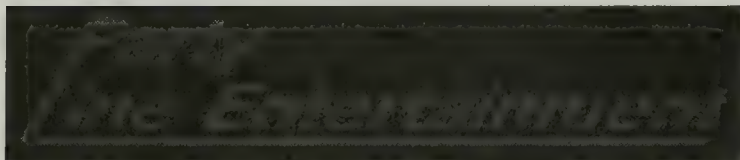
**Telnet** pgos.com (206.26.197.2)  
**FTP** ftp.pgos.com  
**Finger** pgos.com  
**Web** http://www.pgos.com  
**Email** paragon@pgos.com  
sysop@pgos.com

**Location** Luka, MS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 601.427.9227  
601.287.8434

**Software** Wildcat! 5  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Their fav alias  
**Access** General audiences



## Party Line Entertainment



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	1	1	1	4	4

### "When you're tired of surfing, party on the Internet!"

PLE is North Carolina's place for adults to get together for chat, games, and general fun. PLE is also the founding member of an Internet BBS co-op, where all members get free access to several other BBSs on the net. Sounds like a good deal to me.

**Telnet** BBS.party.com (166.82.196.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.party.com>  
**Email** sysop@party.com

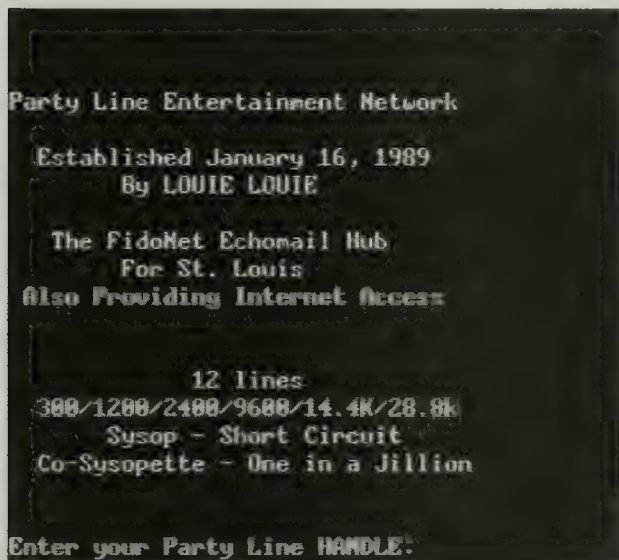
**Location** Raleigh, NC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 919.846.1382

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

The users and sysops are some of the friendliest around, so y'all telnet on down to PLE. Take yer shoes off...

*Robert Farrior, sysop of PLE:* "BBSs provide a competitive alternative to big business and monopoly. They expand technology while bringing that technology down to earth for the common people."

## Party Line Entertainment Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "One of the oldest chat BBSs in St. Louis"

Chatting with friends and playing a few games are the norm for the laid-back users of Party Line. Relaxed and friendly inter-

**Telnet** partyline.net (198.140.161.1)  
**FTP** partyline.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.partyline.net>  
**Email** jolney@partyline.net

**Location** St. Louis, MO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 314.845.7937

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

action is guaranteed, without the meat market atmosphere of some chat-oriented online communities.

You'll have a good time...or Shorty will give you your money back!

# The Patchbay BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	2	2	3	2

## "Online since 1988"

The Patchbay BBS specializes in Windows shareware files, and maintains a large archive of Windows graphics, multimedia,

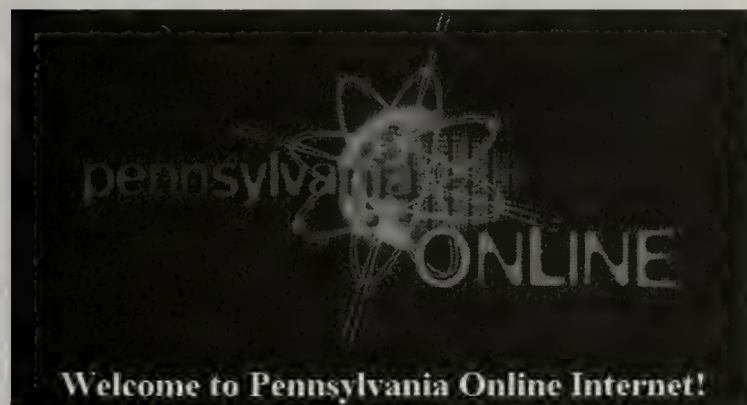
**Telnet** patchbay.com (198.175.228.131)  
**FTP** ftp.patchbay.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.patchbay.com/public/default.htm  
**Email** bise@patchbay.com

**Location** Pasadena, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 818.683.0627

**Software** Wildcat! 5  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

and other applications, including seven CDs of Windows-specific files. Patchbay is the official support and file-update site for Dangerous Cybernetics software products, including CMPQwk and Gator Edit Windows programs.

# Pennsylvania Online!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	4	4	1	3	4

## "The perfect place for the complete online experience"

Penn Online has been around a long time...I mean a *long* time. Penn's sysop, George Peace, actually started the BBS as a CP/M file exchange for fellow workers at NASA's jet propul-

**Telnet** paonline.com (198.69.90.250)  
**FTP** ftp.paonline.com  
**Finger** info@paonline.com  
**Web** http://www.paonline.com  
**Email** george.peace@paonline.com

**Location** Harrisburg, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 717.657.8699  
717.657.9785

**Software** TBBS 2.3/IPAD  
**Nodes** 33  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

sion labs. The BBS has since grown into 6,000-member file and message-base warehouse.

Unique to Penn is its FTP hub system that offers full FidoNet, Filebone, and Usenet message-base feeds for other systems world-wide.



## Phantasy BBS



Phantasy Online Entertainment & Internet

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	2	2	1	4	3

**"The coolest place to kill time on the highway"**

Telnet over to Phantasy for ten free days at one of Milwaukee's premier online communities. A full-featured BBS, Phantasy strives to give its members a comfortable family atmosphere, where users often get together for offline outings. Multiplayer

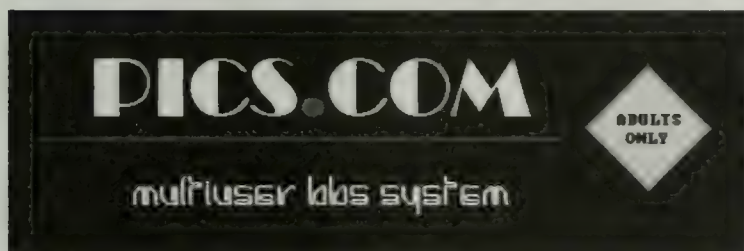
**Telnet** phantasy.com (156.46.216.10)  
**FTP** ftp.phantasy.com  
**Finger** BBS.phantasy.com  
**Web** http://www.phantasy.com  
**Email** Oic@BBS.phantasy.com  
Sysop@BBS.phantasy.com  
**Location** Milwaukee, WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 414.290.1933

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 56  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

games like Doom and Heretic are also big on Phantasy, with online costs considerably cheaper than many Internet BBSs.

Make new phriends with phantastic people from Phantasy...

## Pics On-Line BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	4	3	1	3	2

Started in 1985, Pics uses a satellite feed to get the hottest shareware and adult files updated daily. Pics also gets a full ThrobNet feed for over 50 of the most stimulating adult forums available on the net. They also support a reverse FTP option

**Telnet** BBS.pics.com (192.135.189.200)  
**FTP** ftp.pics.com  
**Finger** info@pics.com  
**Web** http://www.pics.com  
**Email** sysop@pics.com

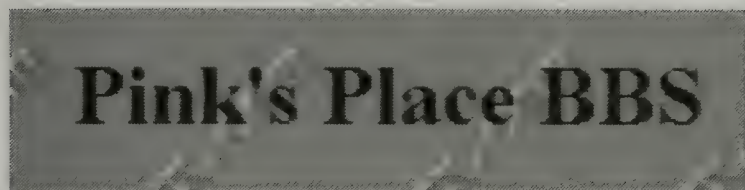
**Location** Atco, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 609.753.2540

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** Adults only

so that downloads are automatically sent to your personal FTP site without having to wait!

*User Comment (ggiordan@suffolk.lib.ny.us): "Lotsa lines, lotsa cool people, and I met my drummer there."*

## Pink's Place BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	1	3	4

**"The Largest BBS in Southeast Texas...and growing!"**

A full-featured BBS, Pink's Place offers very active real-time chat with international chat linkups every night between 8 and

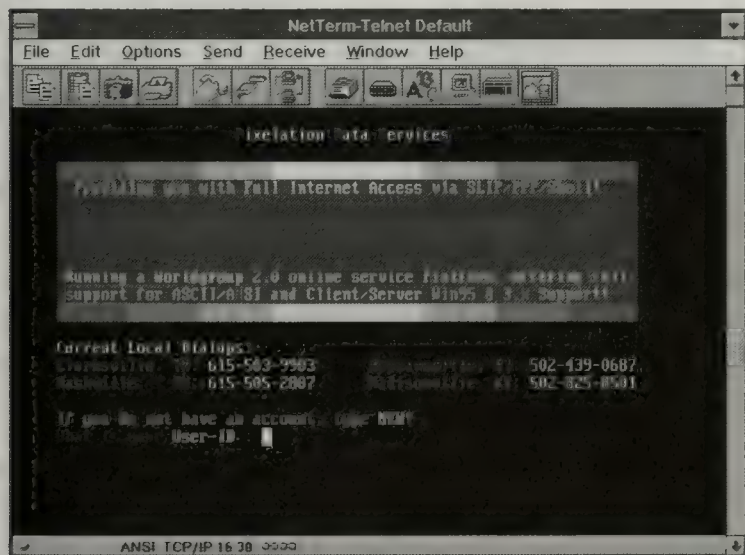
**Telnet** pnx.com (199.190.97.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.pnx.com>  
**Email**

**Location** Orange, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 409.883.4049 409.735.3712  
409.769.2487

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

12 P.M. Over 4,000 new messages are imported daily in its FidoNet and Usenet echo conferences. Full Internet access is available as well, including UNIX shell accounts.

## Pixelation Data Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	1	3	3

Pixelation is a general-interest Worldgroup system with an emphasis on networked gaming. Pixelation is connected twenty-four hours to the Game Net inter-BBS gaming network,

**Telnet** pixelation.com (206.158.94.10)  
**FTP** ftp.pixelation.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.pixelation.com/index.html>  
**Email** inaba@pixelation.com  
stargazer@pixelation.com

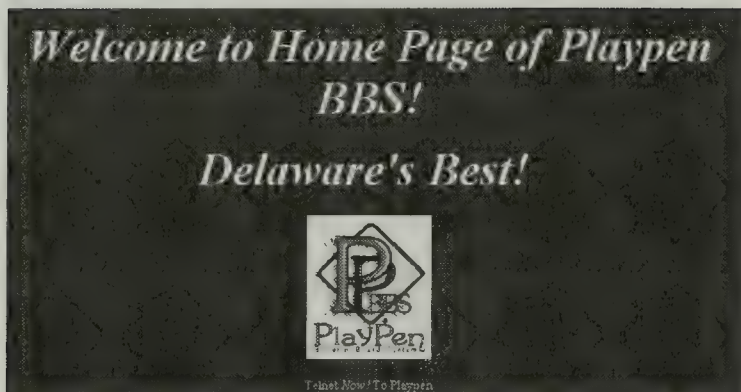
**Location** Nashville, TN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 615.503.9903 615.505.2807  
502.439.0687 502.825.8501

**Software** Worldgroup 2.0  
**Nodes** 40  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

offering some of the best multiplayer games on the Net. Pixelation is also a member of a BBS co-op, providing free access to many other BBSs around the country.



## PlayPenBBS (DE)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

### "The Friendliest Teleconference on the Net"

PlayPenBBS offers a bit of everything, with files, games, special-interest areas, and (according to it) the friendliest chat anywhere including teleconference trivia contests.

**Telnet** ppbbs.com (206.106.240.69)  
**FTP** ftp.ppbbs.com  
**Finger** BBS.ppbbs.com  
**Web** http://ppbbs.com  
**Email** sysop@BBS.ppbbs.com  
cajun@BBS.ppbbs.com

**Location** Magnolia, DE, USA  
**Dial-Up** 302.697.3744 302.697.9099  
302.698.0478 302.697.8998

**Software** Galacticomm WG 1.1

**Nodes** 38

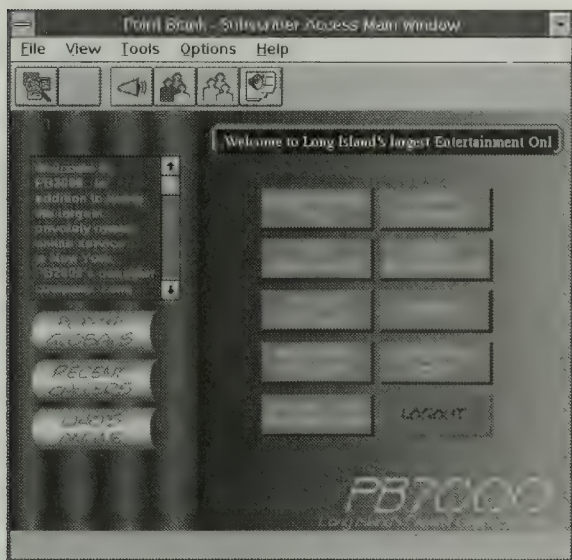
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Drop by, put your feet up, and enjoy.

## Point Blank BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	5	3

### "Long Island's LARGEST & BEST Chat System!"

Point Blank is a mega-Internet-city with over 150 nodes of pure energy. Ranked as the #1 Internet BBS in the World for 1996, Point Blank offers a great combination of features and friendly service. Real-time chat linkups, multiplayer games, trivia contests, and six-plus gigabytes of files keep Point Blank

**Telnet** pointblank.com (204.117.211.3)  
**FTP** ftp.pb.net  
**Finger** pointblank.com  
**Web** http://www.pb.net  
**Email** sysop@pointblank.com

**Location** Long Island, NY, USA

**Dial-Up** 516.393.7500  
516.439.7500

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 150

**Pay** Yes

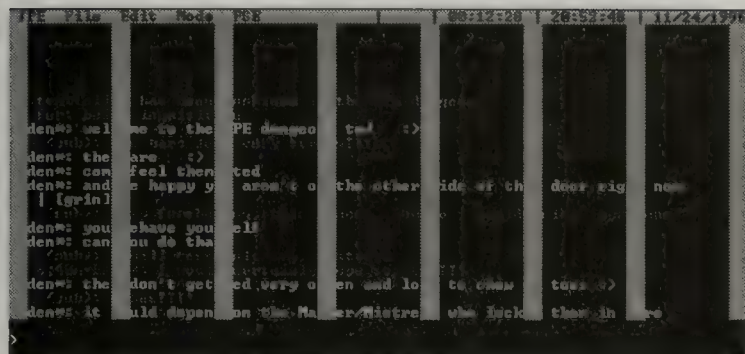
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

consistently rated as one of the top 100 BBSs in the world (Boardwatch magazine).

*User Comment (alexxis@pb.net):* "The tech help is no less than incredible. Someone from PB went to my friend's house to help him get set up. He referred PB to me, and I have already referred it to three of my friends."

# The Power Exchange



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	5	2	2	2	5	3

## "A safe place to let your imagination run wild"

TPE is a kinky little corner in cyberspace where members can find that special dominatrix or slave they've been looking for all their lives. Don't mind the whips and chains, and have some fun in TPE's virtual online dungeon ("Power Play") chat area.

# PreRapture BBS

## Welcome to *PreRapture Ministries*

A Ministry of the Jesus Name Apostolic Holiness Church Inc.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	3	2	1

PreRapture is the home of the PreRapture International Message Exchange (PRIME) network, offering an Internet-accessible

**Telnet** tpe.com (199.190.65.10)  
**FTP** tpe.ncm.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://tpe.ds.ncm.com  
**Email** robert@tpe.ds.ncm.com

**Location** Washington (Metro Area), DC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 703.749.9150

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 160  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Over a 160 lines of adult-oriented play, with some of the friendliest (and strangest) sysops on the Internet.

All the other good stuff is here as well, such as multiplayer games, files, message bases, and Internet access.

**Telnet** prime.org (152.52.127.130)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.prime.org  
**Email** sysop@prime.org

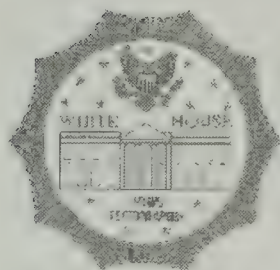
**Location** Durham, NC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 919.286.2100  
 919.286.3606

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

platform of Bible debate and home schooling topics. Free Bible and Lexicon available for download.



## The PressRoom



About WHNPA	Skills Contest	TV Contest
News Letter	Member Directory	Join WHNPA
Executive Board	Contact	Select Links

The White House News Photographers' Association

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	3	4	3	3

### "The Premiere Electronic Community of Journalists"

Here you can tap the knowledge and experience of other journalists, learn how to navigate the Internet, or discuss issues and headlines of the day. White House press releases and sched-

**Telnet** pressroom.com (198.69.131.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.pressroom.com  
**Email**

**Location** USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** NovaLink Pro

**Nodes**

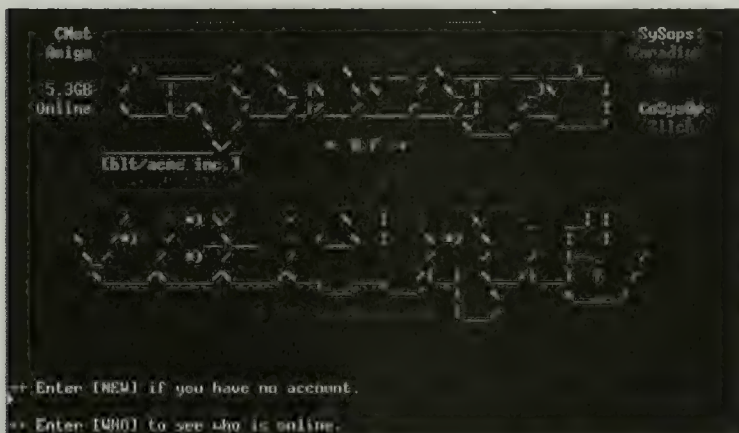
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

ules are updated daily, and can be keyword-searched online. Lots of message areas dealing with media-related topics are online too.

## Principle of Obscurity BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	1	2	2

PO is a relatively small Amiga-based system hiding out in Chicago. The BBS software is somewhat basic for the non-Amiga user, but still workable. Live chat, with JoinLink chat hookups,

**Telnet** obscurity.pd.mcs.net (204.137.229.20)  
**FTP** obscurity.pd.mcs.net  
**Finger** who@obscurity.pd.mcs.net  
**Web** http://obscurity.pd.mcs.net  
**Email** paradigm@obscurity.pd.mcs.net

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 312.847.1853

**Software** CNet Pro 3.05c

**Nodes** 6

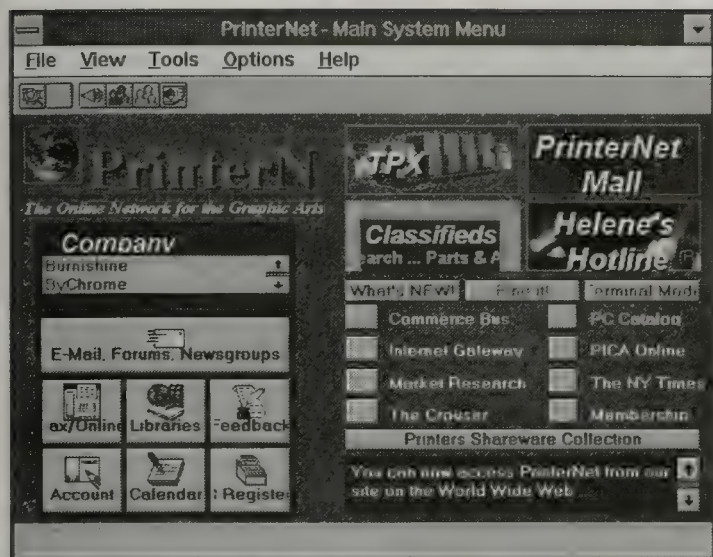
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

and a bunch of Amiga shareware make PO a haven for Amiga-telnetters everywhere.

## PrinterNet



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	5	3	2

### "The Online Network for the Graphic Arts Industry"

PrinterNet features the largest database of used graphic arts equipment in the country, online leasing, classified ads, Helene's Hotline (*the* resource for specialty printing), graphic arts Usenet newsgroups, Internet email, industry forums, large libraries of Macintosh and PC shareware, *Printers Shareware*,

**Telnet** printer-net.com (199.227.41.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** sysop@printer-net.com  
**Web** http://printer-net.com  
**Email** printernet@terrym.pdial.interpath.net

**Location** Winston-Salem, NC, USA  
**Dial-Up** 910.767.2622

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 14

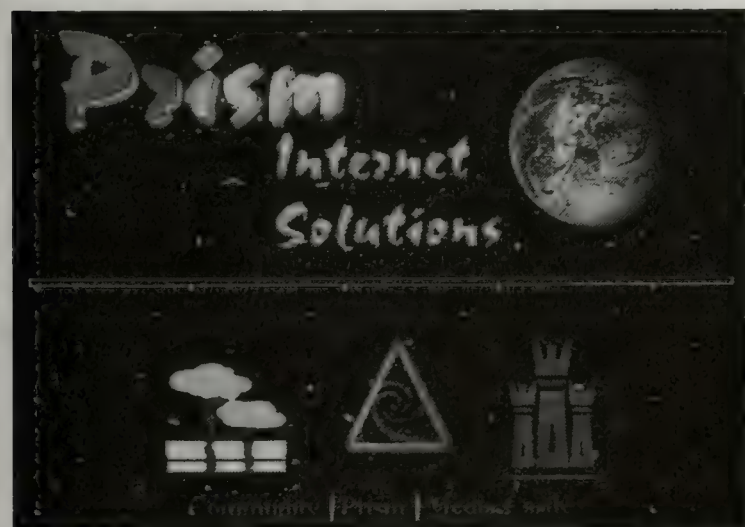
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

and *Commerce Business Daily* abstracts for print jobs and equipment. Basically, if you're in the graphic art industry, you're probably already a member here (if not, sign up now!). PrinterNet also features a specialty mall, where printers can purchase film, paper, plates, and other supplies direct from vendors.

## Prism BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	4

### "Southern California's Premier Socially-Oriented Adult BBS"

Plenty of adult online interaction is featured at Prism. A ton of great multiuser games (including Trade Wars and TeleArena), files, and active chat keep everyone having a good time. Prism

**Telnet** prism.com (199.190.77.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.prism.com  
**Email** sysop@prism.com

**Location** Lake Forest, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 48

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

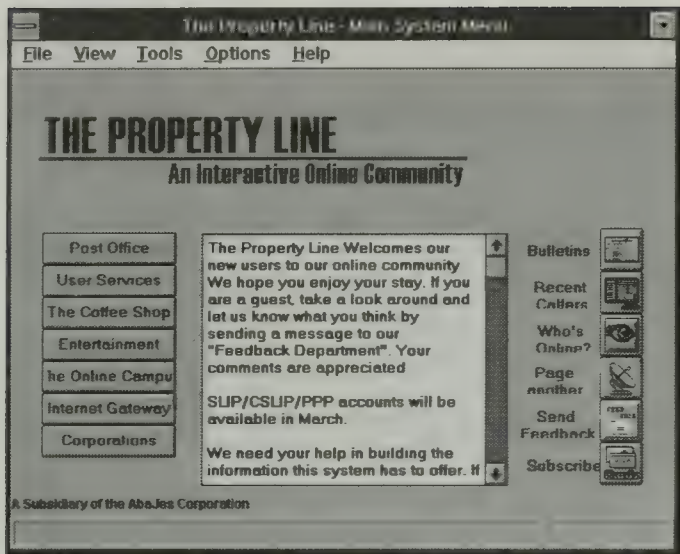
**Access** Adults only

also runs its own IRC channel called #So-Cal. Full UNIX shell accounts for the Internet aficionado.

*User Comment (abrittingham@sams.mcp.com):* "Very Friendly! They keep the kids and perverts off so people can mingle, and the trivia game is a fun waste of time :)."



## The Property Line



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	4	3	3

### "An Interactive Online Community"

The PL is an online community dedicated to the title and appraisal industry, and is the host for The Conference Center,

**Telnet** wg.proline.com (206.42.83.115)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.proline.com

**Email** sysop@wg.proline.com

admin@proline.com

**Location** Baltimore, MD, USA

**Dial-Up** 410.684.3400

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 20

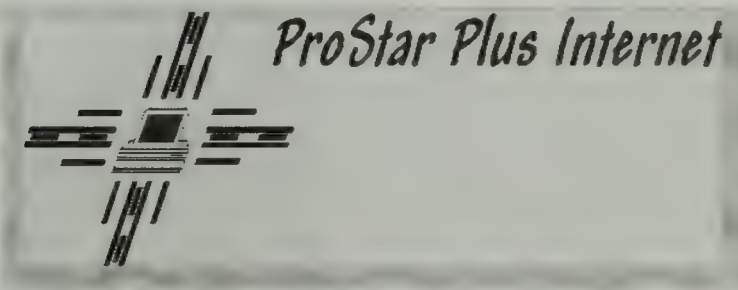
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

an industry-specific discussion group. Information about the property appraisal business, as well as educational seminars, make PL a center for up-to-date industry news and data.

## Prostar Plus Information Network



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	4	2	3	3	3

Prostar Plus is a huge West Coast MBBS featuring the largest file collection in the Pacific Northwest at over ten gigabytes of files. Live chat, including a twenty-four-hour Chatlink hookup,

**Telnet** prostar.com (204.57.131.1)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email** sysop@prostar.com

**Location** Seattle, WA, USA

**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 100

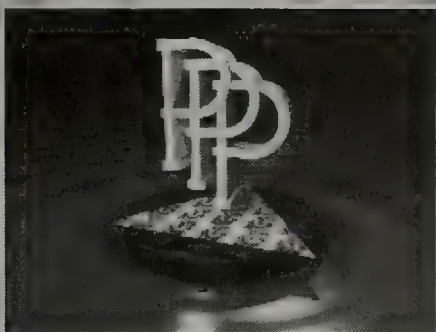
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

and lots of multiplayer games make Prostar a great online diversion. Also features newsfeeds and electronic magazines. Credit cards taken online for instant access.

## Proton Palace



### Proton Palace Professional

Web Authoring & 14 Line BBS & FTP Site

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	2	2

PP is an Amiga-based community out of Ottawa featuring a wide range of services. Almost nine gigabytes of files (Amiga, PC, and Macintosh), plus six CDs, online chat, and over 100

**Telnet** proton.com (198.53.206.68)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.proton.com>  
**Email** [jrobbins@proton.com](mailto:jrobbins@proton.com)

**Location** Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 613.829.0909

**Software** CNet (Amiga)  
**Nodes** 18  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

games make this medium-sized Canadian BBS worth looking at. These guys have been online since '85 and know how to run a professional service.

## Public Data Network



### Welcome to PDN Internet!

PDN Internet is the World Class Internet Provider that Always Costs Less!  
This page has seen 3186 people since March 15th

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	2	4	2	2	3

The home of the Chatlink international live-chat network and Netaccess echo-mail network!

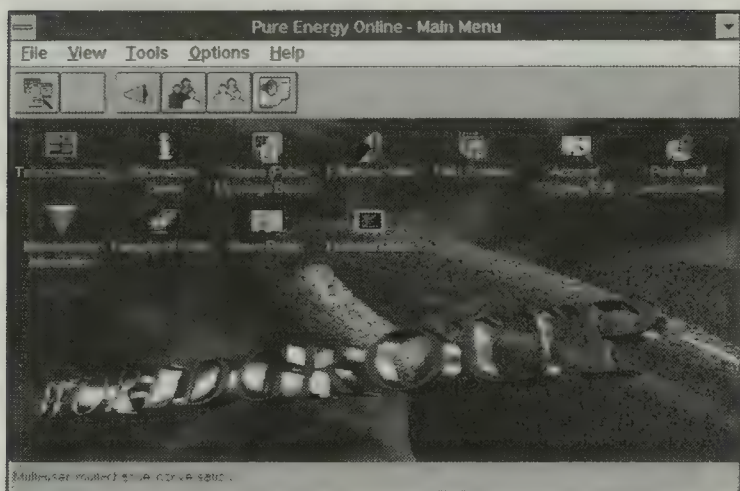
**Telnet** BBS.chatlink.com (205.139.105.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** @BBS.chatlink.com  
**Web** <http://www.chatlink.com>  
**Email** [sysop@BBS.chatlink.com](mailto:sysop@BBS.chatlink.com)

**Location** Oregon, USA  
**Dial-Up** 503.476.6578

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 128  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences



## Pure Energy BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	3

### "Your Access to the Information Superhighway"

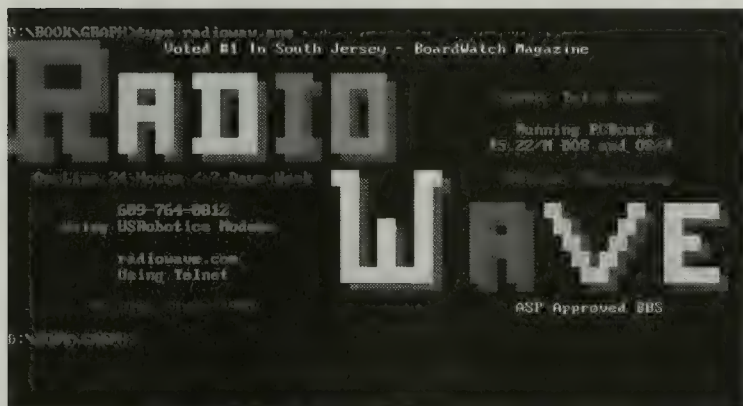
Started in 1995 with only four dial-up lines, PE now has grown to over twenty lines with several global chat networks online twenty-four hours a day (Chatlink, Interlink, and Cybercafe), a

**Telnet** pure-energy.com (165.254.183.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** info@pure-energy.com  
**Web** http://pure-energy.com  
**Email** sysop@pure-energy.com  
 lazertec@pure-energy.com  
**Location** Bronx, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 718.828.0375

**Software** Worldgroup 1.01  
**Nodes** 12  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

bunch of great games, and multiplayer Doom support. Automatic Web page creator is also a nice convenience for those looking for easy home pages.

## Radio Wave



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	4	3	3	4

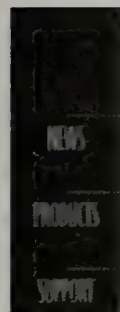
Online since 1991, Radio Wave offers a a full FidoNet and RelayNet message conference feed, hourly updated weather maps, and over ten megabytes of new files a day...and it's free to visitors.

**Telnet** radiowave.com (206.67.132.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.radiowave.com  
**Email** myers@radiowave.com  
 info@radiowave.com  
**Location** Delran, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 609.764.0812 609.461.3105  
 609.235.6732

**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Paid subscriptions required for all the Internet stuff.

# The Readiness Operation BBS



## THE READINESS OPERATION

SUPERBLY ARCHITECTED WEB TOOLS AND APPLICATIONS

Welcome to The Readiness Operation, home of two FREE daily electronic newsletters on current NRC (US Nuclear Regulatory Commission) activities, the *TRO Daily Report* and *TRO DER Index*; FREE full-text search of over 7,300 NRC electronic documents (which you can easily retrieve); other products and services for the nuclear industry; and senior seismic safety consultant, Paul Smith. Our Web site is still under construction, so please excuse our dust.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	5	3	3

### "Your Source for Nuclear Power Information"

RO BBS provides access to a wide range of US Nuclear Regulatory Commission information and over 6,000 documents on nuclear power plant safety. Documents can be searched by key words while online, and then downloaded using regular protocols, or via FTP and FTPmail. For example, if you happened

**Telnet** trobb.com (204.188.70.3)  
**FTP** ftp.trobb.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.trobb.com  
**Email** paul.smith@trobb.com

**Location** Oakland, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.547.0598

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Register  
**Access** General audiences

to be looking for *all* NRC Licensee Event Reports from 1985 to present on a particular topic, you can find them almost instantly!

RO also publishes two *free* electronic newsletters: the *TRO Daily Report* and the *TRO DER Index*. To try 'em out, send email to paul.smith@trobb.com.

## Realm of Legends



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	1	2	2	3	3

### "A relaxed system centering on gaming and chat"

Started in 1987, and having grown quite a bit since, ROL offers real-time international chat linkups through Interlink,

**Telnet** legends.net (205.198.246.3)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.legends.net  
**Email** sysop@legends.net

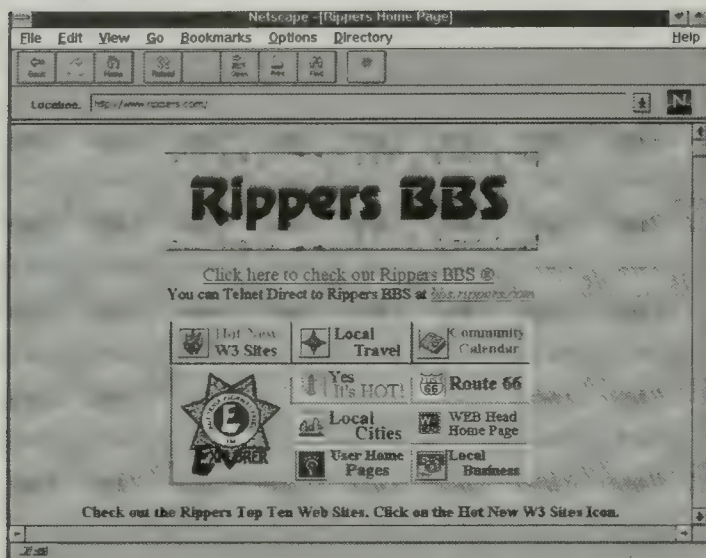
**Location** Plantation, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 954.473.6767  
305.651.6657

**Software** MajorBBS  
**Nodes** 26  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

and great games like the role-playing extravaganza *Swords of Chaos*. *Doom* and *Heretic* can be played online too.



## Rippers BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	3	4	3

### "Arizona's Finest Family BBS"

Rippers is a wonderful all-ages online village, with active chat-ers online throughout the day and night. For Trade Wars fans, Rippers features one of the most active games in the country, with over 150 enthusiastic players.

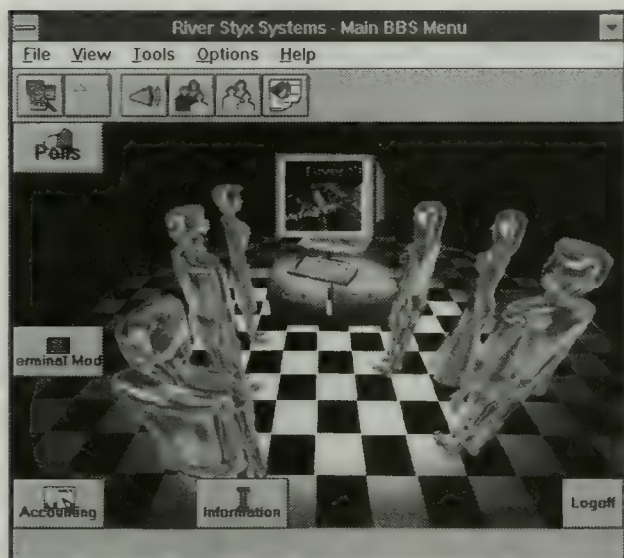
**Telnet** rippers.com (199.190.105.2)  
**FTP** 199.190.105.2  
**Finger** rippers.com  
**Web** http://www.rippers.com  
**Email** larryd@rippers.com

**Location** Mohave Valley, AZ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 520.768.7515  
 520.768.1643  
**Software** Worldgroup/MBBS  
**Nodes** 60  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Rippers also features some local information for those wishing to visit Arizona. And it offers a special rate for tel-netters, too.

*User Comment (soundman@rippers.com):* "Rippers has offered those of us in a small rural community an Internet connection that we would not be able to have otherwise."

## River Styx BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	3	3

River Styx is a general-purpose BBS featuring eighteen CDs of files (including adult files), great online chat, and more than enough games to keep even the hard-core gamer busy. River

**Telnet** riverstyx.com (204.255.97.129)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** riverstyx.com  
**Web** http://riverstyx.com  
**Email** sysop@riverstyx.com

**Location** Dallas, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 214.664.1360 214.664.9040  
 817.440.9321 817.440.9322  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Styx is also a member of Game Net, an international game network offering dozens of real-time games participated in by over 50 other BBSs.

## Rock Garden



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	2	4	3

Rock Garden is a large BBS with just about everything, including a great Windows-based client. You'll find lots games, chat, and files at the Rock. This is also the home BBS of High Velocity Software, makers of BBS add-on products for MajorBBS.

**Telnet** garden.hvs.com (165.247.49.130)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.hvs.com  
**Email** sysop@garden.hvs.com

**Location** Phoenix, AZ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 602.234.3737

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 56

**Pay** Yes

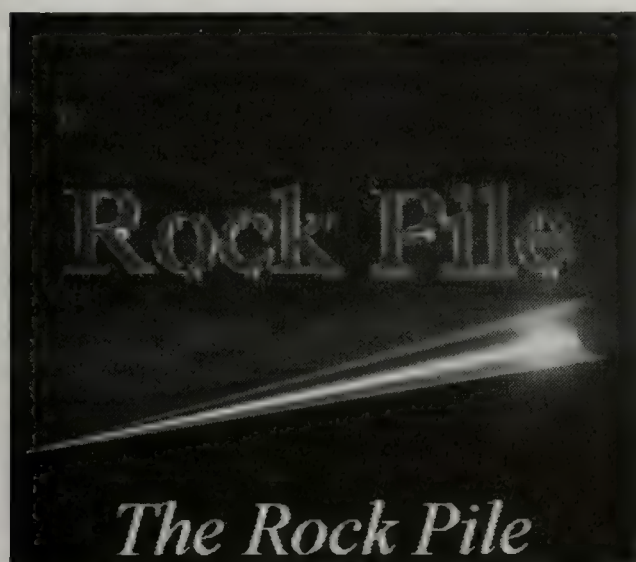
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*Sysop Quote:* "A wondrous place likened to the mysterious pyramids of Egypt, the lost civilization of Atlantis, or the really old food in the back of your refrigerator."

*User Comment (antares@mail.hvs.com):* "The best online Pizza and the strangest people!"

## The Rock Pile



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	2	2	3

**"Serving New Jersey for over ten years"**

The Rock Pile is a general BBS, with casual chat and a few games. It is also a member of a BBS co-op, so members here get free access to many other BBSs around the country.

**Telnet** rockpile.com (199.173.32.200)  
**FTP** ftp.rockpile.com  
**Finger** info@rockpile.com  
**Web** http://www.rockpile.com  
**Email** postmaster@rockpile.com  
 webmaster@rockpile.com

**Location** Ridgefield, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 201.941.7778  
 700.941.7778

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 58

**Pay** Yes

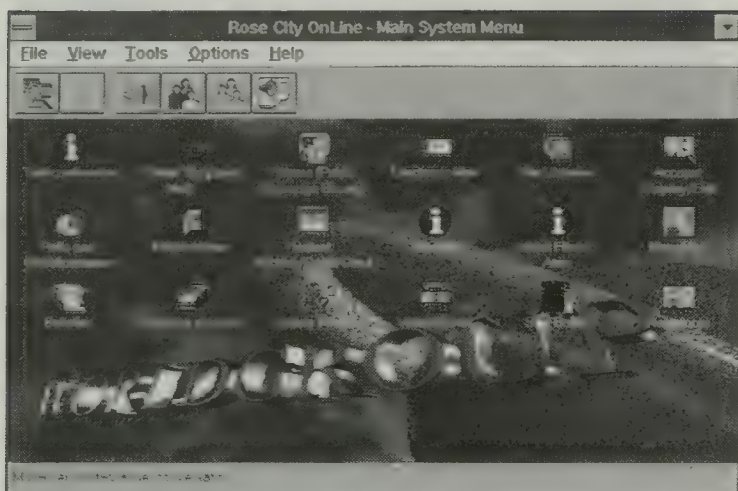
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (mubn00a@prodigy.com):* "Very easy to login and get around."



## Rose City Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	4	4	4	1	4	3

With over 100,000 adult files online, Rose is an Internet oasis for the adult Internet adventurer (okay, it's an oasis for the porn-hounds). But don't fear, over 80 megabytes of new shareware are uploaded every single week, bringing its total files to over fifteen gigabytes.

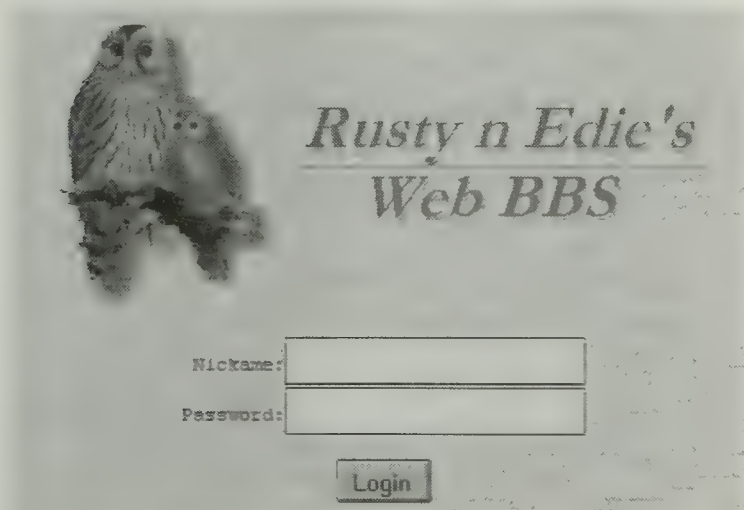
**Telnet** rosey.com (204.119.59.210)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** finger rosey.com  
**Web** <http://www.webinc.com/BBS>  
**Email** sysop@rosey.com  
cdworld@netcom.com  
**Location** Portland, OR, USA  
**Dial-Up** 503.251.6969

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

A bunch of great network conferences are also available, including FidoNet, RsaNET, PipeMail, and UnityNet. Course, if you're looking for chat, Rose is linked up twenty-four hours a day to Chatlink, too.

A very well-run, full-featured destination.

## Rusty-N-Edie's BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	4	2	1	3	2

### "The Friendliest BBS in the World"

Rusty-N-Edie's is a massive and very popular community with over eighteen gigabytes of files, 45 door programs, and 126-plus nodes. To say that RNE has a large adult section is an

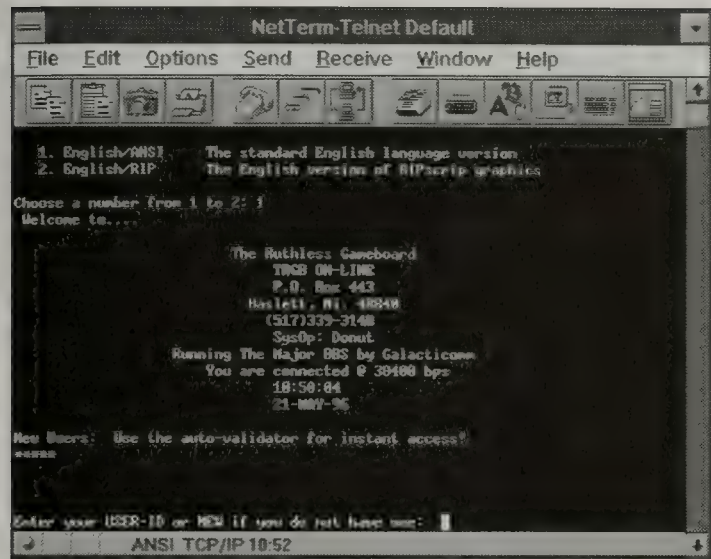
**Telnet** rne.com (204.179.147.2)  
**FTP** rne.com  
**Finger** rne.com  
**Web** <http://www.rne.com>  
**Email** sysop@rnw.com

**Location** Youngstown, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 330.726.2620 330.726.3628  
330.726.3619  
**Software** PCBoard 15.21  
**Nodes** 126  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Anything  
**Access** Adults only

understatement—their adult area is *huge*. RNE also runs a purely Web-based BBS as well.

*User Comment (brian.white@rne.com):* "I telnet to RNE and save over \$150 in phone costs when I travel. I've been a member for six years."

# The Ruthless Gameboard



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

**“The most fun you will have with a computer and a modem”**

The Gameboard is a game- and chat-oriented BBS run out of Michigan. Multiplayer Doom and Hexen are main features.

**Telnet** Ruthless.com (199.177.127.92)

**FTP**

**Finger** @ruthless.com

**Web** <http://ruthless.com>

**Email** donut@ruthless.com

sparkie@ruthless.com

**Location** Haslett, MI, USA

**Dial-Up** 517.339.3410

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup

**Nodes** 20

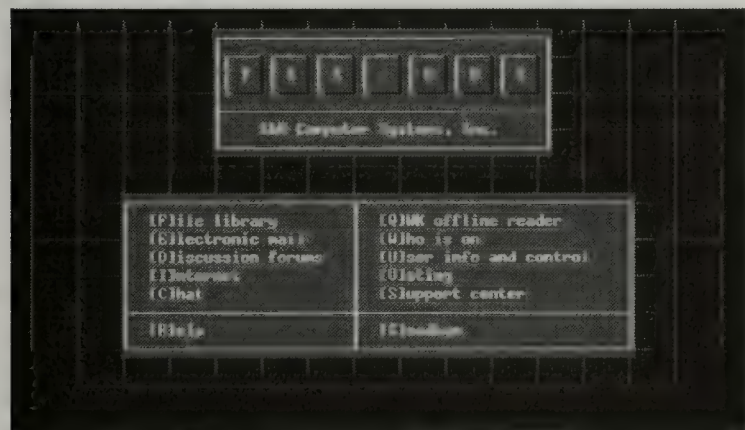
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

The Gameboard also operates as an Internet provider for its local dialing area. Free demo time.

# S & H Computer Systems BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	2	2	3	2	1

S & H is the sample board for the TSX-BBS software—also available via anonymous FTP at sandh.com.

**Telnet** sandh.com (204.181.142.11)

**FTP** sandh.com

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.sandh.com>

**Email** john@sandh.com

**Location** Tennessee, USA

**Dial-Up** 615.320.1820

**Software** TSX-BBS

**Nodes**

**Pay** No

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences



## S-TEK Gay and Lesbian BBS in Montreal



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	4	3	3

### "Montreal's Gay and Lesbian BBS"

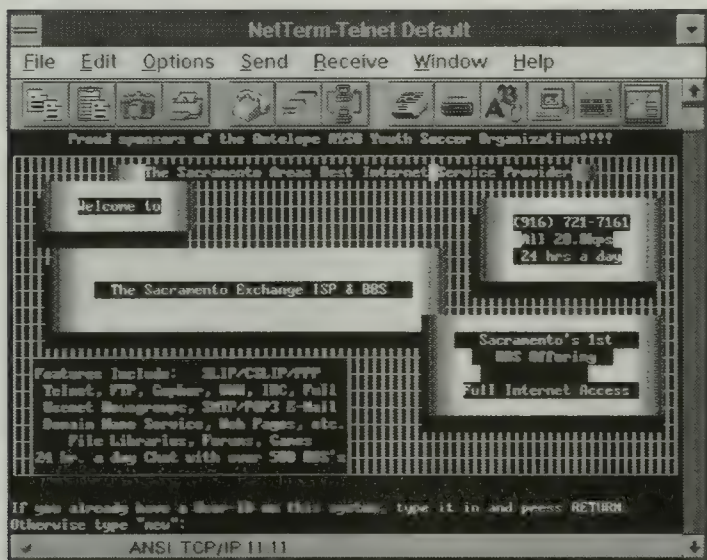
S-Tek is a bilingual (English and French) gay and lesbian community serving Montreal since 1989. Offerings include active

**Telnet** stek.com (204.19.225.1)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.gai.com  
**Email** sysop@gai.com  
 Black.Unicorn@gai.com  
**Location** Montreal, QC, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 514.597.2409

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 30  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Alias  
**Access** Adults only

global gay-oriented message networks such as GayCom, StudsNet, La'Net, and AEGIS, and a large selection of online files. A very extensive library of AIDS information is also online.

## Sacramento Exchange BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	4	3	2	3	3	4

### "Sacramento's Leading BBS"

The Sacramento Exchange BBS offers quite a few interactive features, such as great multiplayer games (MajorMUD, TeleArena, and more), and international chat networks (Worldlink and Chatworld), but also offers a bit more for those interested in the Sacramento area. The Exchange provides information on real estate and employment opportunities in

**Telnet** iccse.com (204.87.174.10)  
**FTP** ftp.iccse.com  
**Finger** iccse.com  
**Web** http://www.iccse.com  
**Email** bfry@iccse.com bfry@sacex.com

**Location** Sacramento, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 916.721.7161

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the Sacramento and surrounding areas. A full helping of local and national news and electronic 'zines are online as well. These guys are also members of Game Net, offering inter-BBS network gaming.

The Exchange is also a full-service Internet service provider offering Web space, shell accounts, and other business and personal services.

# Santa Fe Online

## Welcome to Santa Fe Online!



**The Cathedral in Winter**  
*Photo by Scott Christopher*  
[Click for large \(79k\) version](#)

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	2	5	3	2

### "The City Different"

SF Online specializes in local art and the unique flavors of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Original local works in GIF and JPG formats, from the scenic to the abstract, will give you a real taste of the Santa Fe style. Plenty of local products and compa-

**Telnet** sfol.com (204.134.59.1)  
**FTP** sfol.com  
**Finger** info@sfol.com  
**Web** <http://www.sfol.com/sfol.html>  
**Email** sysop@sfol.com  
vic.tredwell@sfol.com

**Location** Santa Fe, NM, USA

**Dial-Up** 505.988.9662  
800.698.7365

**Software** TBBS and IPAD

**Nodes** 12

**Pay** No

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

nies are also online, including books, music, jewelry, food, and crafts. If you are considering visiting or moving to Santa Fe, a wealth of local information, including real estate, is here on SF Online. Stop by for a chat, and say "Bienvenidos!"

## Secret Services Limited BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	3	4	3	2

Secret Services is a business-oriented system offering financial and investment information for the serious BBSer. Online message bases cover topics on legal and accounting subjects, and are run by professionals in those fields. Auction and employ-

**Telnet**  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://w3.servint.com/~imc/secrets.htm>  
**Email** secrets@interpath.com

**Location** Columbia, SC, USA

**Dial-Up** 803.749.2967

**Software** Mindwire

**Nodes** 8

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Guest

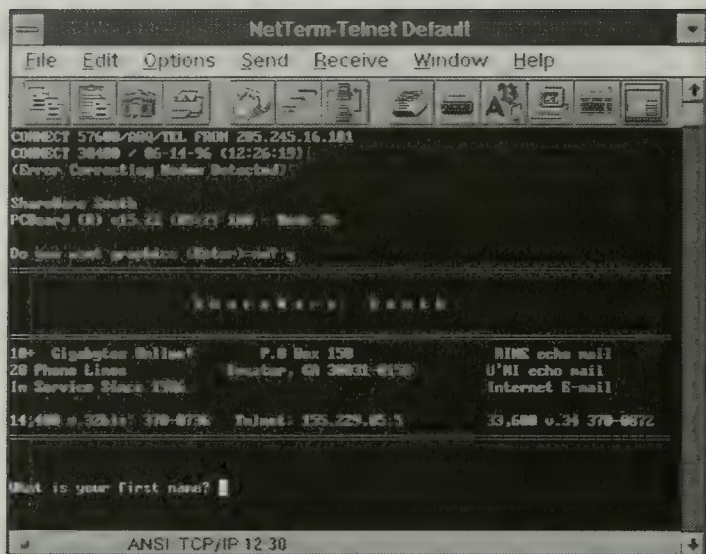
**Access** General audiences

ment listings and over two gigabytes of business-related shareware are also featured.

Login as *Guest* to check it out.



## ShareWare South



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	0	3	4	1	3	3

Started in 1986, ShareWare South offers over ten gigabytes of shareware files, and the complete RIME and U'NI international mail conferences. UNIX shell accounts are also available.

**Telnet** 155.229.85.5  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://155.229.85.1>  
**Email** [sysop@swsbbs.com](mailto:sysop@swsbbs.com)

**Location** Decatur, GA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 404.370.0736  
 404.377.3600

**Software** PCBoard

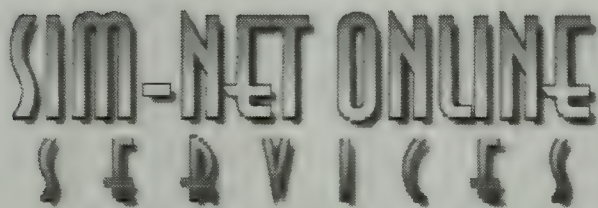
**Nodes** 25

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

## Sim-Net Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
5	2	3	1	1	3	3

Sim-Net is focused on interactive games for the Macintosh user, featuring real-time hookups for off-the-shelf games like F/A-18 Hornet, Chuck Yeager Air Combat, Links ProGolf, and more. Do you think you're a hot gamer? Well, Sim-Net holds regular tournaments to find out who's really the best. Great

**Telnet** 205.158.35.3  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.simnet1.com>  
**Email** [iceman@simnet1.com](mailto:iceman@simnet1.com)

**Location** San Jose, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 408.295.4263

**Software** FirstClass

**Nodes** 2

**Pay** Yes

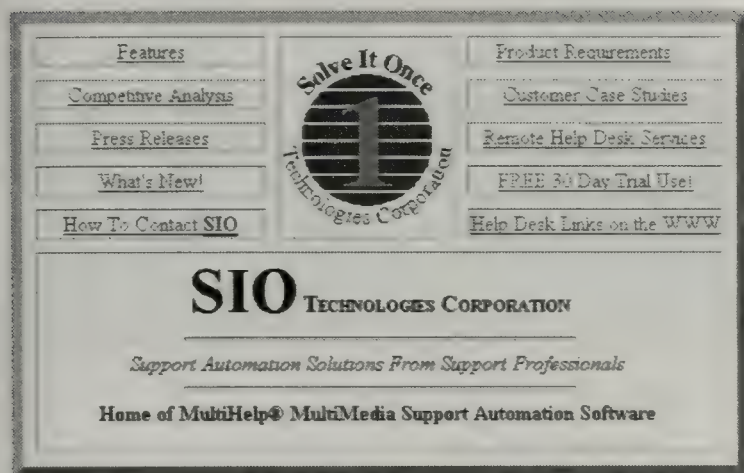
**Login** Real name/use web

**Access** General audiences

collection of Mac files too. Sim-Net is a Mac-only network at this time, but it's working hard on adding PC compatibility.

Don't forget to get a copy of the FirstClass client to telnet, available at Sim-Net's Web site.

## SIO Support BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	3	2	1

Free support BBS for the SIO PCBoard product.

**Telnet** 199.248.240.2

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web**

**Email**

**Location** USA

**Dial-Up**

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 5

**Pay** No

**Login**

**Access** General audiences

## Skyway BBS

**Skyway BBS** Welcome to The Skyway

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	3	1	3	4

**“A local BBS with a worldwide flavor”**

Come cruise the Skyway for a fun adventure in adult Internet BBSing. Skyway offers an impressive selection of networked

**Telnet** skywaybbs.com (206.14.241.1)

**FTP** ftp.skywaybbs.com

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.skywaybbs.com

**Email** sysop@skywaybbs.com  
trooper@skywaybbs.com

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA

**Dial-Up** 312.274.9982

**Software** TBBS

**Nodes** 32

**Pay** Yes

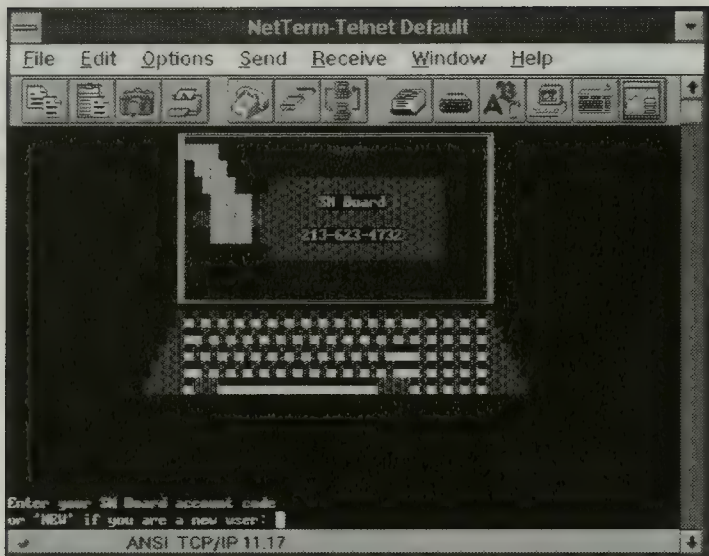
**Login** Desired handle

**Access** Adults only

message bases, including unusual nets like GayCom and Studsnet, online chat with inter-BBS linkups, and seven CDs of files. Full Internet access provider.



## SM Board



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	3	2	2	3	2

### “Serving the Gay Leather Community since 1987”

The content of the SM board is almost exclusively S/M, bondage, and leather related. Needless to say, this is an adult-only

**Telnet** telcen.com (206.14.147.20)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** telcen.com (206.14.147.20)  
**Web**  
**Email** bobr@microserve.com  
zerotsm@cris.com  
**Location** Los Angeles, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 213.623.4732

**Software** Bulletron v1.0b  
**Nodes** 23  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

system offering a large selection of sexually explicit material, and private hot chat.

Two free hours for hapless wanderers. Bring your own whip.

## Social Misfits—yabbs

## Social Misfits BBS

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	2	3	3	2	2

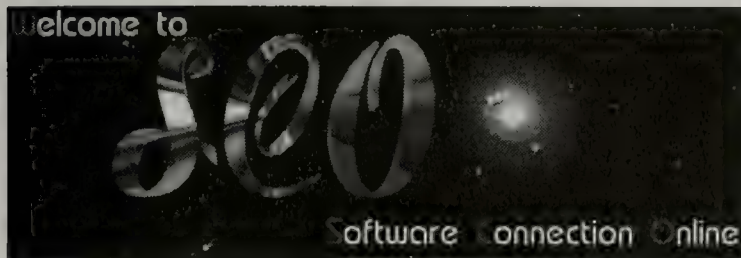
Social Misfits is a discussion-oriented community for those interested in creative writing, computers, music, and other hobbies. Lots of friendly users to chat with, too. Social Misfits

**Telnet** yabbs.phred.org (128.2.74.238)  
**FTP** ftp.yabbs.org  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.phred.org/yabbs>  
**Email** hellion@phred.org  
sienna@phred.org  
**Location** Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** yabbs  
**Nodes** 128  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

is also a source for the latest yabbs program files, in case you're looking to start your own BBS.

# Software Connection Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	4	3	1	2	3

Software Connection, South Africa's biggest software retailer, also operates one of South Africa's most popular BBSs. Software Connection offers eighteen CDs of shareware, multi-

**Telnet** sco.softconn.co.za (196.26.228.4)

**FTP** sco.softconn.co.za

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.softconn.co.za>

**Email** sysop@softconn.co.za

root@sleepy.softconn.co.za

**Location** Johannesburg, South Africa

**Dial-Up** +27.11.7827129 +27.11.8887435

+27.11.7826810 +27.11.8887436

**Software** PCBoard 15.21

**Nodes** 12

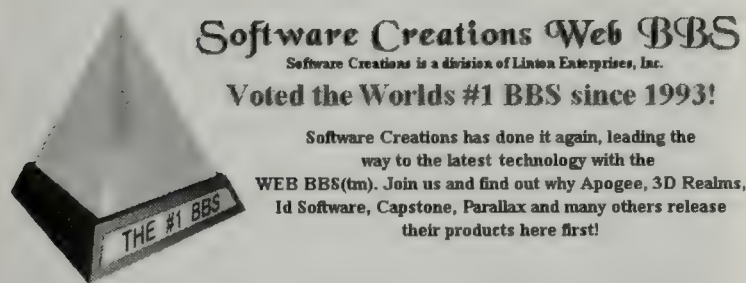
**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

player door games, many echoed conferences, and full Internet access.

## Software Creations



Software Creations has done it again, leading the way to the latest technology with the WEB BBS(tm). Join us and find out why Apogee, 3D Realms, Id Software, Capstone, Parallax and many others release their products here first!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	5	3	3	3	3

### "Home of the Authors"

Software Creations is called Home of the Authors because it's the first public release BBS for some of the largest shareware authors in the world, including Apogee, ID Software (makers of Doom), Impulse Games, ImagiSOFT, and literally hundreds of other companies. Software Creations routinely has over 100 new uploads every day. As its sysop says, "If we don't

**Telnet** swcbbs.com (204.68.200.2)

**FTP** swcbbs.com

**Finger** swcbbs.com

**Web** <http://swcbbs.com>

**Email** glenn.brensinger@swcbbs.com

**Location** Clinton, MA, USA

**Dial-Up** 508.368.7036

508.368.7139

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 134

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

have it online, it's not worth having." This huge file warehouse is also considered to be the largest BBS in the world running PCBoard.

Software Creations was also one of the first Internet BBSs to migrate most of its services directly to the Web. If good and current files are what you're after, then Software Creations is a *must*.



## Someplace to Start

A  
long  
time ago  
in some place  
that was far far away  
your great grandfather met  
your great grandmother and the  
next thing they knew.....

## G \_ E \_ N \_ E \_ A \_ L \_ O \_ G \_ Y

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	2	4	3	1

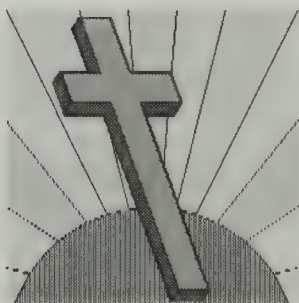
Somewhere to Start is a unique BBS dedicated to genealogy. Users can find their roots, and professional researchers can pass information among each other online. New features and

**Telnet** s2s.com (205.219.130.3)  
**FTP** s2s.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://s2s.com  
**Email** johnlong@1stnet.net  
johnlong@s2s.com  
**Location** St. Louis, MO, USA  
**Dial-Up** 314.230.6085

**Software** Wildcat 5 (Annihilator)  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

services are always being developed, so stop by to see what's currently available.

## SonCrest BBS



*Welcome to the SonCrest  
BBS Home Page*

SonCrest...A shining light on the  
Internet.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	0	3	3	2	1

### "A Shining Light on the Internet"

SonCrest is a Christian community designed for interaction among "the fellowship of believers." Chat, email, and message

**Telnet** soncrest.giant.net (204.71.106.30)  
**FTP** soncrest.giant.net  
**Finger** soncrest.giant.net  
**Web** http://soncrest.giant.net  
**Email** lljrg@soncrest.giant.net  
farsight@soncrest.giant.net  
**Location** Iowa City, IA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** YAWC  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** No  
**Login** new  
**Access** General audiences

forums provide a friendly environment for communications among Christians and non-Christians alike.

The BBS is free, but donations are accepted.

## The Sorcery Board BBS



NetTerm-Telnet Default

File Edit Options Send Receive Window Help

CONNECT 57600/400/11111111 204.91.224.3

Maximus/2 42.42

Welcome to The Sorcery Board BBS

Courtesy of your System, U.J. Beschke and Michael Beschke

Running under:

- 1. IBM Operating System/2 v2.1
- 2. One V.90 28.8kb Modem and Three 0.328 34.5kb Modem
- 3. IBM PS/2 (Model - 80) - 386 CPU at 25 mhz
- 4. Symphony Motherboard - 486 CPU at 50 mhz
- 5. IBM LAN Server 3.0 and Network Transport Services operating on a Ethernet (10 mb/s) Local Area Network
- 6. New 2.0 Gigabyte

Serving the area since 1989

Now with over 7,000 Files online!!

New Users: Read About This Program!

Enjoy The System

ANSI TCP/IP 10-13 0000

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	1	3	2	1	2	3

SB is a free Internet access BBS with files, games, and message areas.

Telnet warp1.weschke.com (204.91.224.3)  
 FTP  
 Finger  
 Web http://tsb.weschke.com  
 Email

Location Bridgewater, NJ, USA  
 Dial-Up 908.722.2231 908.707.0094  
 908.707.0052  
 Software Maximus/2  
 Nodes 8  
 Pay Optional  
 Login New  
 Access General audiences

User Comment (adodd@sb.weschke.com): "They have free accounts on the UNIX box for email."

## South Shore Secrets BBS



NetTerm-Telnet Default

File Edit Options Send Receive Window Help

Internet World Wide Web Page  
<http://www.sssbbs.com>

South Shore Secrets

ADULTS ONLY BBS

Enter your South Shore Secrets Screen Name  
 or "PC" if you are a new user:

ANSI TCP/IP 11:28

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	3	2	1	3	2

South Shore Secrets is a huge, adult-only system offering over ten gigabytes of adult files, and lots of hot chat. Warm up your modem, and drop by for a little adult recreation.

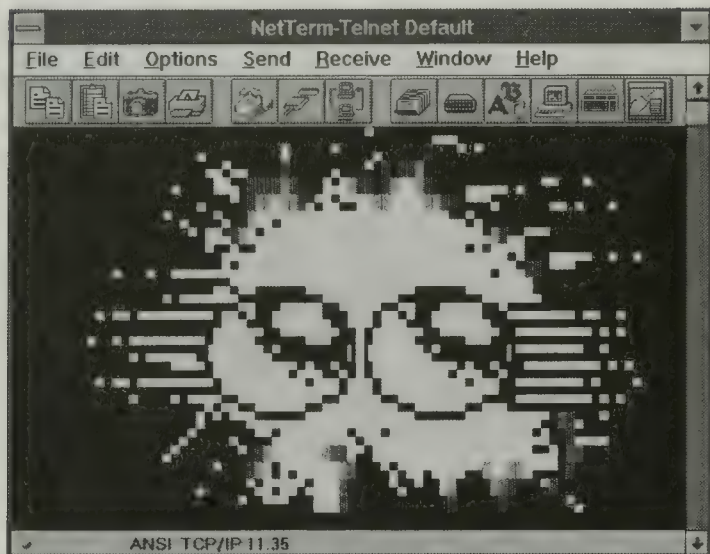
Telnet (206.113.0.3)  
 FTP pcix.com  
 Finger  
 Web http://www.sssbbs.com  
 Email candy1@pcix.com

Location Boston, MA, USA  
 Dial-Up 617.383.2789

Software Bulletron  
 Nodes 68  
 Pay Optional  
 Login Password: SSSWeb  
 Access Adults only



## Southern California On-Ramp



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	2	3

A wide selection of features are available on SCO, from online Doom to active chat. Full Internet provider as well.

**Telnet** socalonramp.com (205.148.255.2)  
**FTP** socalonramp.com  
**Finger** socalonramp.com  
**Web** <http://socalonramp.com>  
**Email** izzy@socalonramp.com

**Location** Simi Valley, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 805.520.0477

**Software** Worldgroup v 2  
**Nodes** 25  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## Southern Star BBS

### Southern Star



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	4	4	2	3	3

SS has been serving the technical online community since 1988 by offering a wealth of PC software and acting as a major North American hub for FidoNet and the Filebone project (which distributes and updates files internationally). The

**Telnet** sstar.com (204.27.72.2)  
**FTP** ftp.sstar.com  
**Finger** info@sstar.com  
**Web** <http://www.sstar.com>  
**Email** johns@sstar.com

**Location** New Orleans, LA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 504.885.5928

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

result is 25 gigabytes of very current files, and a full FidoNet message-base feed. SS also serves as a local Internet provider to the New Orleans area.

## The Spa!

# the spa!

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	3	1	3	3

### "Springfield Public Access BBS"

A nice selection of 250,000 files covering PC, OS/2, Macintosh, and Amiga, and several unique MUDs (Illusions and Czar-

**Telnet** the-spa.com (204.97.227.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** the-spa.com  
**Web** http://www.the-spa.com  
**Email** sysop@the-spa.com

**Location** Springfield, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 413.536.4356

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 64  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Lords of Venus), help distinguish the Spa as a special cyber-community. FidoNet also adds to the message bases here.

## Space BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	3	3	3	3

A top-ten BBS in the 1994 *Boardwatch* reader poll, Space BBS is a West Coast hub for the Association of Shareware Professionals (lots of current files here for sure!). Daily weather and stock updates, and hourly AP news updates keep Space members up to date. International echo conferences include

**Telnet** BBS.spacebbs.com (192.216.53.4)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.spacebbs.com  
**Email** sysop@spacebbs.com

**Location** Menlo Park, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 415.323.4398 415.323.4399  
 415.323.4193 415.323.4197

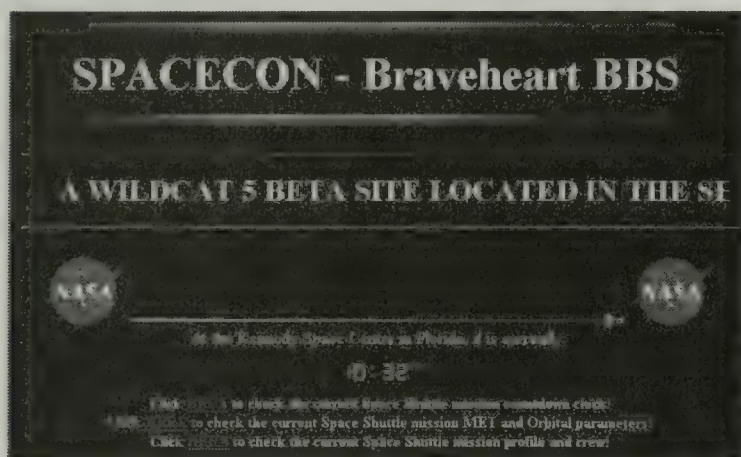
**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 15  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

RIME, Ilink, and Intelec. Space is definitely oriented toward the computer professional, so don't expect to find games or adult files.

Free downloads on your first call.



## SPACECON/BraveHeart WILDCAT 5 BBS

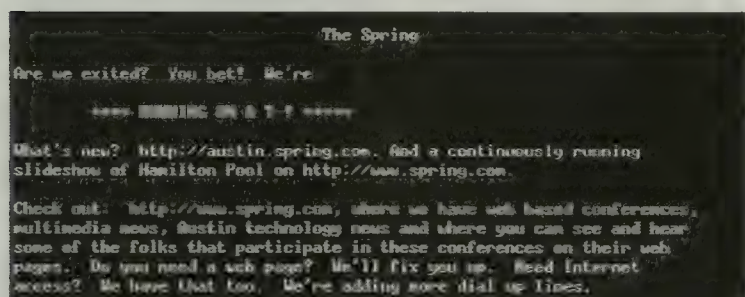


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	3	3	4	3	2

### "Your Space Coast Connection"

Spacecon is a file/message type of BBS, with special emphasis on medical, handicapped, and law enforcement topics, and provides listings of Florida Space Coast jobs. An interesting mix of specialized FidoNet and Usenet forums. The new latest and greatest Mustang client interface is also available.

## The Spring Guide



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	1	5	3	4	3

Meet interesting people and get to know them on a wide range of social, political, technical, and psychological topics. The Spring is a unique virtual community, oriented towards intelligent discourse between fellow *springeurs*.

**Telnet** spacecon.ids.net (155.212.20.2)  
**FTP** spacecon.ids.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://spacecon.ids.net  
**Email** ksc\_admin@ids.net postmaster@mit.com  
**Location** Merritt Island, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 407.453.5393 407.459.0969  
 407.452.8969  
**Software** Wildcat! 5  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name *only*!  
**Access** General audiences

Free accounts for senior citizens and the disabled.

*Sysop Comment (Tom McKeever):* "With access to the Internet now becoming commonplace, [I] believe that BBSs have finally matured from what were primarily local gathering places, into exciting global entities."

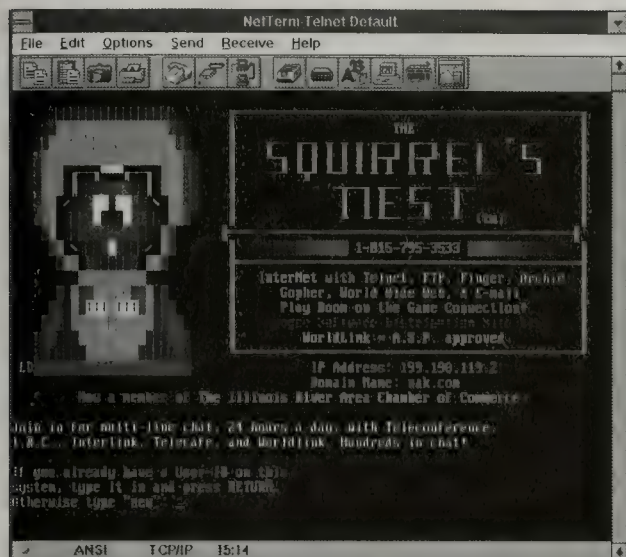
**Telnet** spring.com (204.177.161.115)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.spring.com  
**Email** terry@spring.com

**Location** Austin, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 512.302.4000

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Check out some of its cool conferences on sports, food, politics, and Austin. The Spring also features all of its BBS message bases directly on the Web!

# The Squirrel's Nest



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	3	3	3

This general-purpose family BBS offers a good collection of multiplayer games (including L.O.R.D. and Trade Wars), international chat linkups, and a satellite-fed shareware file library. The Nest is a member of a BBS co-op, so access here gets you

**Telnet** nak.com (199.190.119.2)  
**FTP** nak.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://nak.com  
**Email** Neal@nak.com

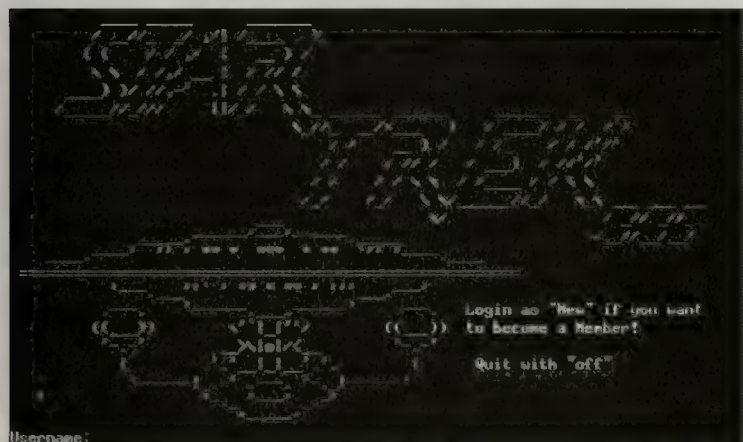
**Location** Marseilles, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 815.795.3533

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 18  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

free access to a number of other Internet BBSs around the country.

The Nest is also the official FTP site for the LaSalle Genealogy Guild, making genealogy-oriented files available to the Internet.

# Star Trek BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	2	2	3	1

## "Star Trek: The New Generation"

Well, it just goes to show you...Trekers are everywhere! ST BBS in Austria caters to ST fans, enthusiasts, and extraterrestrials throughout the galaxy.

**Telnet** pc23-c801.uibk.ac.at (138.232.92.39)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** bbsadm@pc23-c801.uibk.ac.at  
tom@pc23-c801.uibk.ac.at

**Location** Innsbruck, Austria  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** YAWC  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences



## Starsys Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	2	2	1	3	3

The Starsys online community focuses on entertainment and Internet access. Over 45 online games, including multiplayer games like Dragon's Claw, Lore, L.O.R.D., Exitilus, VGA

**Telnet** starsysfw.com (206.181.232.34)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.starsysfw.com>  
**Email** sysop@starsysfw.com loki@starsysfw.com  
**Location** Bellmawr, NJ, USA  
**Dial-Up** 609.933.0657 609.933.0659  
609.933.0685 609.931.2188  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 7  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Planets, and Immortal Combat, combine with active, online chat for a fun and interactive experience.

## Steve Dahl's BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	2	3	3	3	1

### "The King of Chicago Talk Radio"

This is a *very* unique Web-based BBS dedicated to the famous Chicago talk show host, Steve Dahl. Personal messages from Steve himself and radio listener conferences make this a place

**Telnet**  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.dahl.com>  
**Email** charles@www.webdesigngroup.com

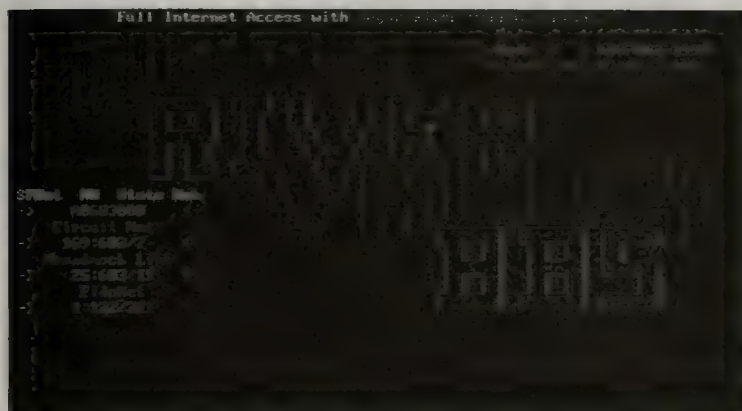
**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Custom Perl BBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

a real winner among Steve Dahl fans. This is also a popular Web site, often getting over 1,500 hits during a live broadcast.

It's free, it's on the Web, it's a cool place to visit.

# Sugar River Valley BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	2	2	3	1	3	4

## "The First Spitfire Internet BBS"

Sugar River Valley BBS is a dual-purpose BBS, partly used as a support BBS for the Sugar Valley Internet Provider, and partly used for local entertainment with online games. Networked forums such as SFNet and CircuitNet and active chat rooms add to the interaction in this little online community.

*Sysop Quote (T. Parssinen):* "I think there is a great benefit to

**Telnet** 206.183.143.3  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://suger-river.net/~srvbbs/index.html>  
**Email** [odin@sugar-river.net](mailto:odin@sugar-river.net)

**Location** Newport, NH, USA

**Dial-Up** 603.863.5731  
603.863.3998

**Software** Spitfire

**Nodes** 4

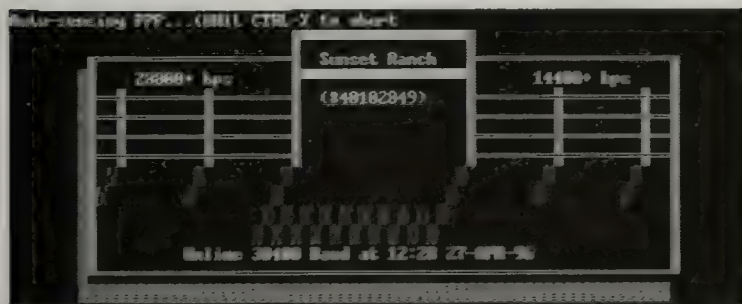
**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name/alias

**Access** General audiences

having BBSs on the Net, for without interaction, the Net will not thrive. Many new Internet service providers (myself included) have risen from the BBS sysop ranks, and they will bring their own flavor to their corner of the Net. Let's make the Net a delightful country drive speckled with quaint local shops, rather than just the 'infobahn' with only a few exits at highly controlled 'shopping malls.' Local diversity is the spice and life of the Net!"

# Sunset Ranch Online Services



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

## "Texas hospitality at its finest!"

Mosey on down to the Sunset dude Ranch for some high-tech Texas gamin'. TeleArena, Legend of the Red Dragon, and online Doom are just a few of the offerings at the Ranch.

**Telnet** ranchnet.com (206.162.3.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** [Shiner@ranchnet.com](mailto:Shiner@ranchnet.com)  
[sysop@ranchnet.com](mailto:sysop@ranchnet.com)

**Location** Abilene, TX, USA

**Dial-Up** 915.3695.0081  
915.692.7007

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 27

**Pay** Yes

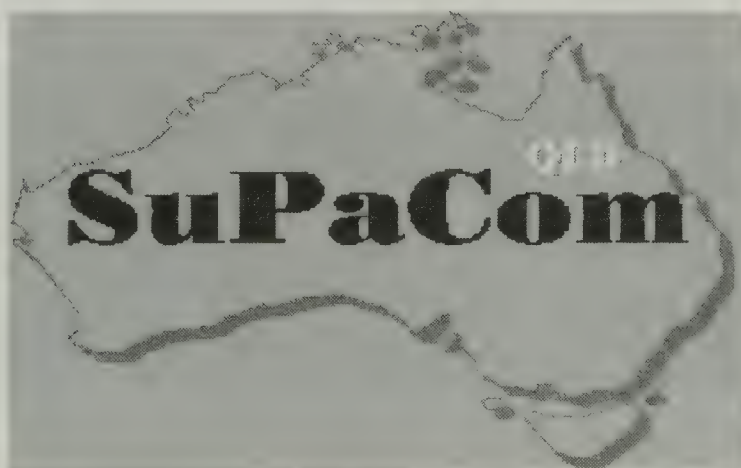
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

You'll want to kick off your boots and stay a while.



## SuPaCom



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Enjoy our Australian Hospitality"

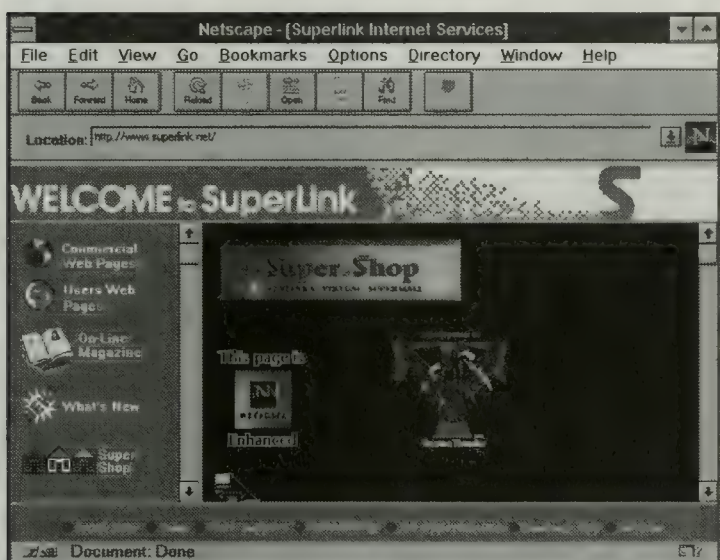
SuPaCom is located in sunny Queensland, Australia, and offers free access to many services, including chat. Online shopping,

**Telnet** supacom.brisnet.org.au  
**FTP** (203.4.149.193)  
**Finger** ftp.supacom.brisnet.org.au  
**Web** supacom.brisnet.org.au  
**Email** http://www.supacom.brisnet.org.au  
 sysop@supacom.brisnet.org.au  
**Location** Brisbane, QL, Australia  
**Dial-Up** 61.7.3890.1844

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

games, and plenty of files make a visit to this Aussie community a worthwhile experience. International chat linkups using Interlink.

## Superlink



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	2	2	1	3	4

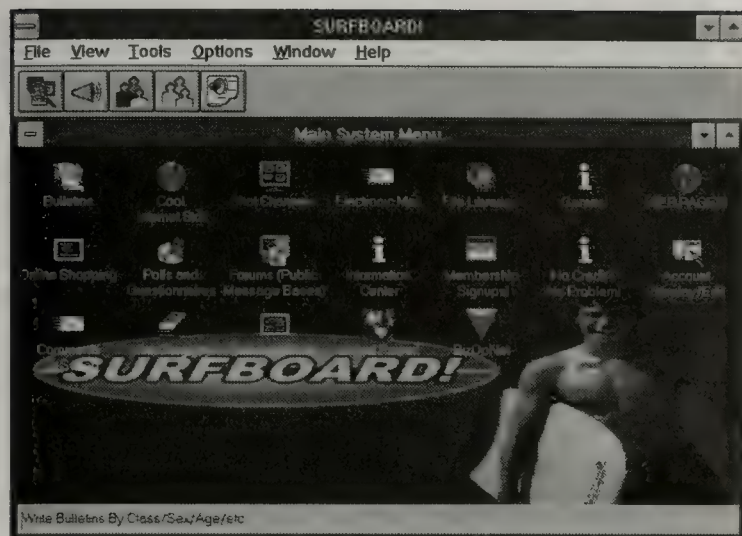
Located in the New Brunswick area, Superlink is an inexpensive and full Internet provider that also features an adult BBS

**Telnet** BBS.superlink.net (204.97.220.18)  
**FTP** ftp.superlink.net  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.superlink.net  
**Email** jerryw@mars.superlink.net

**Location** New Jersey, USA  
**Dial-Up** 908.828.0999  
 908.828.1999  
**Software** Custom  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** Adults only

supporting chat and files. It features a *fast* T1 Internet link and the Worldgroup GUI client.

# Surfboard!



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
4	3	3	2	1	4	3

**“Welcomes all surf dudes and babes to shoot the curl with us on this outta sight ride!”**

An extensive adult file library and chat with the Surf’s “wacked-out users” will make you want to ride the big ones on this

**Telnet** surfbbs.com (205.148.218.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://surfbbs.com/surfidex.htm>  
**Email** [flanman@surfbbs.com](mailto:flanman@surfbbs.com)  
[kevink@surfbbs.com](mailto:kevink@surfbbs.com)  
**Location** Rochester, NY, USA  
**Dial-Up** 716.271.5538

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

unique cyber-beach. Surf is also a member of Game Net for some choice worldwide gaming.

Have fun surf dudes, and *watch out for that reef!*

# SVIS



Voice Phone (304) 291-3426  
 FAX (304) 291-3513  
 Data (304) 592-2682  
 800-SOFT-VAL  
 800-SVIS-WVA (WV only)  
 Telnet [svis.org](http://svis.org) or 198.77.8.11  
 E-Mail: [info@svis.org](mailto:info@svis.org)

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	2	3	3	2	3

**“Trying to reach and help Rural America”**

SVIS is a Internet provider that also carries a number of BBS conferences, such as RIME and Cavenet. A *USA Today* news-

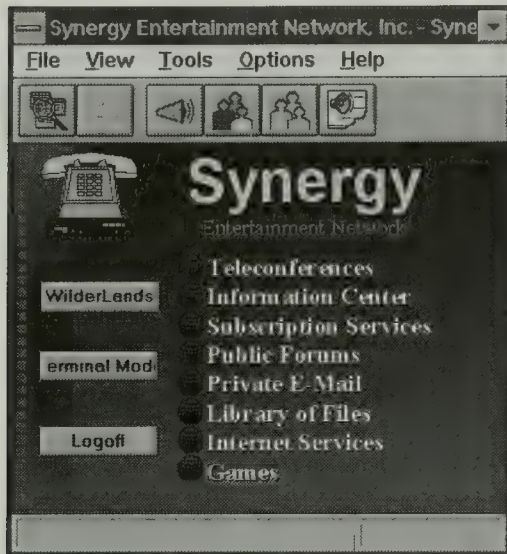
**Telnet** [svis.org](http://svis.org) (198.77.8.11)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://svis.org>  
**Email** [sue.moore@mngmtsys.com](mailto:sue.moore@mngmtsys.com)

**Location** Shinnston, WV, USA  
**Dial-Up** 1.800.SOFT.VAL 1.800.SVIS.WVA  
 304.592.2682 304.592.2723  
**Software** PCBoard  
**Nodes** 10  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

feed and up-to-date weather reports keep the users in touch with the world.



## Synergy Entertainment Network (SEN)



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	2	3	3

### "One of the largest BBSs in Milwaukee"

A great collection of online games makes SEN a very entertaining community. They're also linked twenty-four hours to

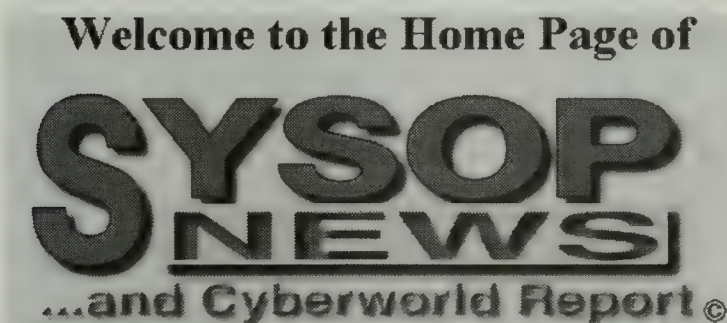
**Telnet** sen.com (199.190.79.2)  
**FTP** 199.190.79.2  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://sen.com  
**Email**

**Location** Milwaukee, WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 414.486.2400  
 414.486.2407  
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 69  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the Interlink chat network. SEN is the home of Wilderlands software, makers of add-ons for MajorBBS.

Ask about its special rates for telnetters.

## Sysop News BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	3	5	3	2

**"The place to learn how to operate a successful, profitable online service and acquire the tools necessary to maintain it and expand it into the future"**

Even sysops need a place to gather on the Internet, and the Sysop News BBS is just that place. It's the home board for the *Sysop News and Cyberworld Report*, a nationally-distributed

**Telnet** sysop.com (199.67.33.53)  
**FTP** sysop.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.sysop.com  
**Email** sysop@sysop.com

**Location** Topeka, KS, USA  
**Dial-Up** 913.478.9239

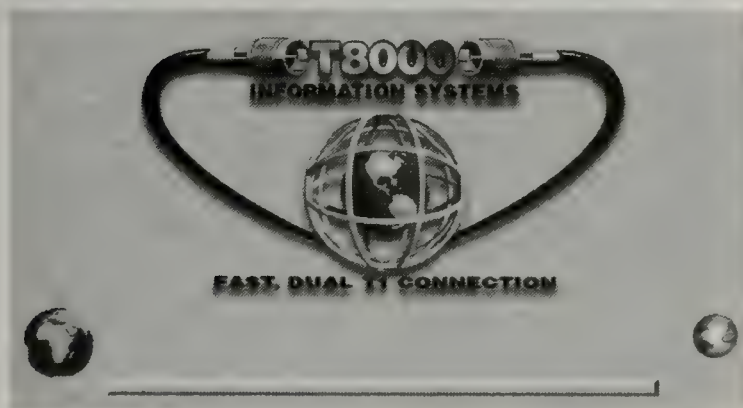
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

magazine dedicated to online services, and is free to subscribers.

Message bases and file areas are dedicated to needs of BBS operators and sysop wannabes.

*Alan Bechtold, sysop of SN BBS: "BBSs are the future of the Internet, plain and simple."*

## T-8000 Information Systems—Since 1981



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	4	3	2	2	4

### "Calgary's Largest Internet Provider"

Online for over fifteen years, T-8000 is a full-service Internet provider with a some nice BBS features, including a full Fido-

**Telnet** t8000.com (198.53.165.2)  
**FTP** t8000.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.t8000.com  
**Email** brian.simpson@t8000.com

**Location** Calgary, AB, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 403.246.4487

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes** 64  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

Net message and file feed, and sixteen CDs full of the latest shareware. These guys are plugged into the Net using a dual T1 Internet connection, so there are no speed limits.

## TechNet BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	2	1	4	3

TechNet BBS is a Worldgroup system offering 32 nodes on a blazingly fast T1 Internet connection. TechNet has some of the best multiplayer games on the Net, including MajorMUD, Swords of Chaos, Trade Wars, Mutants, and multiplayer L.O.R.D. Game Connection allows users to play WarCraft II, Command & Conquer, and Duke3d multiplayer throughout

**Telnet** tnbbs.com (204.241.175.16)  
**FTP** tnbbs.com  
**Finger** tnbbs.com  
**Web** http://tnbbs.com  
**Email** Sysop@tnbbs.com

Co.Sysop@tnbbs.com

**Location** Rockville, MD, USA  
**Dial-Up** 301.838.5454

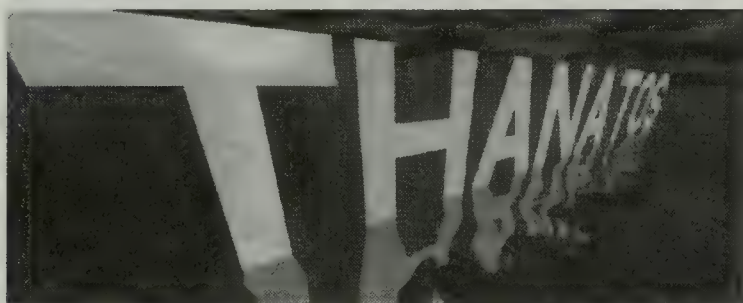
**Software** Worldgroup 2.0  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the BBS. TechNet also has 14 CDs and 20 gigabytes of storage, sure to please the file hounds. On the chat side, TechNet offers Action teleconference and a twenty-four-hour Interlink chat linkup.

New users get full access to almost every feature of the system, so why not telnet over?



## Thanatos BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	2	0	4	2	3	1

Open for over a year, Thanatos offers message bases (called rooms) on a broad range of subjects, from deadly serious to plain silly. Thanatos runs a highly customized version of YAWC, oriented toward message base and live chat interaction between members, and, in the case of Thanatos, interaction with a definite British flavor.

## TnT Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	3

TnT explodes onto the Internet with twenty-four-hour news, sports, and weather updates (via satellite!), great games like

**Telnet** a26.cc.umist.ac.uk (130.88.133.26)  
**FTP** a26.cc.umist.ac.uk  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://a26.cc.umist.ac.uk/~BBS>  
**Email** Sysop@a26.cc.umist.ac.uk

**Location** Manchester, United Kingdom  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Amended YAWC  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Diamond White, the sysop, is adding new features all the time, and promises that, "A friendly and welcoming atmosphere is maintained for all those who drop in and post!"

Membership is entirely free, just bring your ideas.

**Telnet** TnTonline.com (204.145.237.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** tntonline.com  
**Web** <http://www.tntonline.com>  
**Email** sysop@tntonline.com

**Location** Ft. Meyers, FL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 813.337.5999  
813.337.7976

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

VGA Planets and Usurper, and friendly online chat. Special Truth-n-Truth chat game every night.

Free time for telnetters!

## Toledo's TBBS

### Welcome to Toledo's TBBS

Toledo's  
TBBS

- Welcome
- Who We Are
- Internet Services
- News & Information
- User Web Pages
- Other Web Pages
- Internet InfoCenter
- Quick Search

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	3	3	4

#### "Home of Toledo Area Online Services Directory"

Plenty of local Toledo flavor and information, twenty-four CDs full of files, and a friendly and experienced sysop make TT one

**Telnet** toltbbs.com (204.120.66.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.toltbbs.com>  
**Email**

**Location** Toledo, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** TBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

of Toledo's best resources. Full Internet services and inexpensive, flat-rate billing are its winning combination.

## Trader's Connection (TCON)



### Welcome to Traders' Connection®

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	3	5	3	4

#### "The World's Largest Collection of Classified Ads"

TCON has quite a collection of classified ads (okay, that's an understatement...it's a huge collection), taken from ad papers across North America. If you're looking for something special or hard to find, TCON is where you'll find it. But that's not all TCON offers. Over 50 gigabytes of files also make TCON one

**Telnet** trader.com (204.120.67.2)  
**FTP** ftp.trader.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.trader.com>  
**Email** info@trader.com  
sysop@trader.com

**Location** Indianapolis, IN, USA  
**Dial-Up** 800.386.8266 317.359.5199  
317.322.4441 615.883.4700

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 500  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

of the largest file warehouses on the Internet. For the gamers, there are 80-plus online diversions and a customized, unique chat system, and online news and weather photos, and...well...they have a lot of features. See for yourself, and telnet over for some free demo time.



# Tri-State Digital Imaging BBS

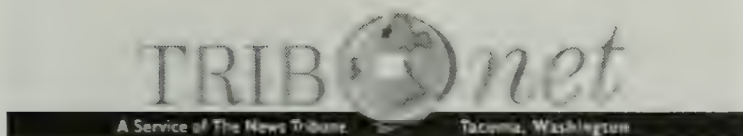


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	4	3	1	3	3

## "Home of the Ebony Shack Collection"

Formerly called The Ebony Shack, Tri-State specializes in high-quality graphics, including its own original pics of some very attractive models. Tri-State also offers scanning services to its BBS members, and quite a collection of pics in general (several gigabytes worth!).

## TRIBnet



Sunday, May 19, 1996 04:24:03 Pacific Time

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	2	3	4	3	3

A service of the *Tacoma News Tribune*, TRIBnet offers a full complement of BBS features, including chat and games, as

**Telnet** 199.2.128.3  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.tribnet.com>  
**Email**

**Location** Tacoma, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

**Telnet** tsdi.com (205.148.211.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.tsdi.com/~tsdibbs/tristate.htm>  
**Email** sysop@tsdi.com

**Location** Toledo, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 419.241.4600

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

It's not all pics on Tri-State; they also offer lively online chat with international links each weekend, and are a complete on-ramp to the Internet.

Stop by for ten free hours.

well as a wide offering of local, state, national, and international news. Great Web site as well!

## Trilogy On-Line Service



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	3	2	1	3	3

**"New Jersey's premier online service with an emphasis on fun!"**

TOL is a full-featured online community with extensive file libraries, multiplayer games, and daily updates of news and weather. There's always something to do and someone to talk

**Telnet** trilogy.net (204.141.102.3)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.trilogy.net>

**Email** bodowd@trilogy.net  
tfazio@trilogy.net

**Location** Bergenfield, NJ, USA

**Dial-Up** 201.439.1468

**Software** MBBS 6.25

**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

to on TOL, which is linked twenty-four hours a day to Chatlink. TOL is also a member of the Trilogy Network Co-Op, offering *free* access to many other affiliated BBSs along with TOL membership.

Give 'em a try with two free hours.

## TVOntario OnLine



**TVO Listings**



**Featured Programs**



**About TVO**



**Products & Services**

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	3	1	3	3	3	2

TVO is run by TVOntario, Ontario's Educational Broadcaster, and features many interesting and informative message conferences about the local Ontario scene and global issues as well.

**Telnet** fc.tv.org (204.41.126.10)

**FTP** ftp.tv.org

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.tv.org>

**Email** tbrunt@tvo.org mlucas@tvo.org

**Location** Toronto, Canada

**Dial-Up** 416.484.2610

**Software** FirstClass

**Nodes** 24

**Pay** Yes

**Login**

**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (tbrunt@tvo.org):* "TVO has a wonderful flavor...friendly people, warm conversation, and interesting conferences."



# The Ultimate Connection

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Welcome to THE SYSTEM
ONLINE 38400 Baud AT 11:23:58 27-APR-96
Channel: C1 Users on Line: 33 Calls Received to Date: 1983299

You've just connected to The Ultimate FILE and CHAT board.
The majority of this system is FREE including most of the download
areas. To keep this board legal we have to charge for adult features. Be sure
to use one of our convenient payment methods to treat yourself to full use of
the system. Select Membership Options from the main menu.
We now offer PPP connections. Just set up win '95 on windows using
something like the Netscape 2.0 Dialer and you'll be able to do Netscape
while you're on the bbs!
We upload NEW Files DAILY. Type /GO UPLOADS to see the latest Shareware!

Slip users enter: slip:<User-Id>

Please enter your User-ID or "new" if you don't have one:

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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	4	2	1	3	3

## "The Ultimate"

Voted as one of the top BBSs in the World, The Ultimate has been pleasing callers for over three years. Its hot chat areas are full of fun and games with prizes awarded nightly. Its file area is

**Telnet** freebbs.com (198.70.174.2)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** finger@freebbs.com  
**Web** http://www.freebbs.com  
**Email** sysop@BBS.freebbs.com

**Location** Mt. Pulaski, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 217.792.3663 217.792.2233  
217.792.2777

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes** 188  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

so large that even other sysops on the Net call The Ultimate "the one-stop-shop for shareware and adult files."

Free time offer for telnetters!

# The UPS Depot

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Welcome to... Internet: telnet to depot.org
THE UPS DEPOT
3 Modes v. Ringdown
Area Code (414)
14.4kbps 339-9377
14.4kbps 337-6826
14.4kbps 337-6839
24 hours/day
7 days/week
CD-ROMs
Support for Lost Empire Games,
creator of
(Sci-Fi Role-Playing Game)
and Granorae, a Fantasy Supplement
"Guaranteed same day delivery of online fun!"

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GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	2	3	3	3

Almost two gigabytes on hard disk, plus six CDs, provide an ample serving of files supporting Amiga, PC, Mac, and even C64 (remember those?). Support system for Lost Empire Games (creators of new Sci-Fi role-playing game, Embers of

**Telnet** depot.org (198.70.69.250)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.netnet.net/users/depot/  
**Email** upsman@depot.org  
maddog@depot.org

**Location** Green Bay, WI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 414.339.9377 414.337.6826  
414.337.6839

**Software** Amiga CNet Pro 3.05c  
**Nodes** 7  
**Pay** No  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

Empire and supplements) and ACME (a computer user group). Many online games and chat, too.

Everything except outgoing Internet services are entirely free (no upload/download ratios either).

# Urbanite BBS

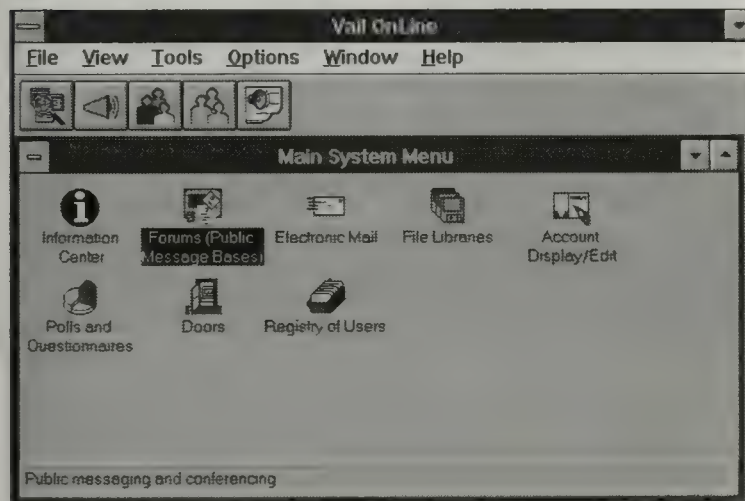


GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	4	2	3	1	4	3

## "A High-Energy, Metropolitan BBS"

Ranked #10 in the 1996 Internet BBS contest, Urbanite is a hot West Coast cyber-community featuring everything you would expect from a topnotch BBS. Go Downtown for networked forums, visit the Underground to play great games, or relax in the Palm Isle Lounge for twenty-four-hour, globally-connected chat.

## Vail OnLine



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	2	5	3	2

## "The Vail Connection"

Looking for a snowy retreat? VO is a very interesting service just chock-full of ski resort and real estate information for Vail, Colorado. VO maintains a complete database of properties for the ski regions of the Colorado Rockies, including Aspen,

**Telnet** BBS.urbanite.com (204.71.182.2)  
**FTP** BBS.urbanite.com  
**Finger** urbanite.com  
**Web** <http://www.urbanite.com/BBS.html>  
**Email** Sysop@BBS.urbanite.com  
ted@urbanite.com

**Location** Los Altos, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 415.528.6602  
408.257.6467

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 50

**Pay** Optional

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

If visiting a great BBS with a wonderful sense of community and friendly bunch of users isn't enough to spark your interest, how about this: This system is *free* to Internet travelers. So...what are you waiting for?

*User Comment (doom@BBS.urbanite.com):* "I like the service. The sysop is of the highest caliber I have seen running a BBS. He runs a powerful board like a close-knit community."

**Telnet** vailonline.vailnet.org (199.45.148.25)  
**FTP** vailonline.vailnet.org  
**Finger** vailonline.vailnet.org  
**Web** <http://vailonline.vailnet.org/>  
**Email** sysop@vailonline.vailnet.org

**Location** Vail, CO, USA

**Dial-Up** 970.479.9571  
970.479.2829

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 8

**Pay** Optional

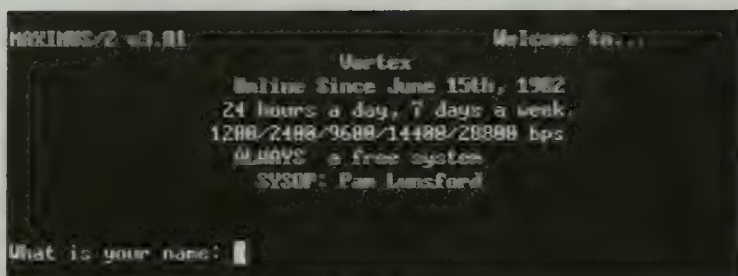
**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain, Vail, Steamboat Springs, and adjoining rural areas. If buying prime property is a bit out of your reach, plenty of info for those who just want to visit is online as well.



## Vortex



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	3	2	3	2

Started way back in '82, Vortex is an OS/2-based BBS featuring lively discussion about OS/2, crafts, and pets. Plenty of

**Telnet** vortex.greycat.com (165.90.185.4)  
**FTP** vortex.greycat.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.calweb.com/~plunsfrd/vortex.html>  
**Email** plunsfrd@calweb.com

**Location** Sacramento, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 916.332.7141

**Software** Maximus  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** No  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

OS/2 files, and games like L.O.R.D. and BRE are online as well.

Try 'em out...it's free.

## Vortex Graphics



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	4	0	0	4	2

### "Pictures and Images of Beautiful Women"

Over 10,000 ad-free, high-quality images are available on this image warehouse with pics ranging from swimsuit to hard-core adult. Using the Excalibur client (you can download it from the

**Telnet** Vortex.mortimer.com  
**FTP** (204.191.209.253)  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.mortimer.com/vortex>  
**Email** rmacbeth@mortimer.com

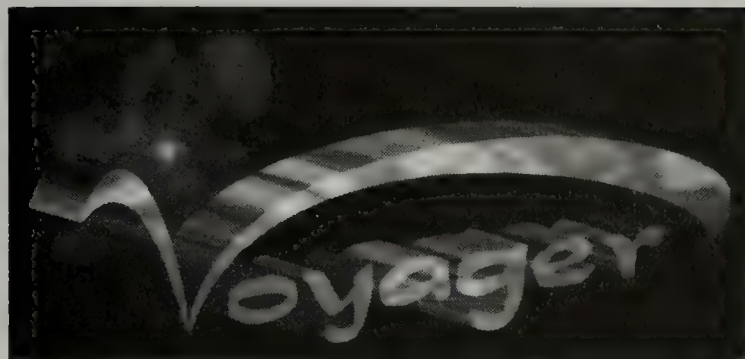
**Location** Richmond, BC, Canada  
**Dial-Up** 604.277.8694

**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** Adults only

very nice Web site), you can preview all images as thumbnails before deciding to download them.

VG is also a reseller of Excalibur, Excalibur add-ons, and general computer hardware and software. Take a gander at the web site for a quick preview.

# Voyager Infotainment



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	2	1	3	4

## "Take a stroll in Beverly Hills"

You never know who you might meet at Voyager, located on Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills. Maybe even OJ?

**Telnet** voyager.com (204.188.129.2)

**FTP**

**Finger** voyager.com

**Web** <http://www.voyager.com>

**Email** sysop@voyager.com  
rsahebi@voyager.com

**Location** Beverly Hills, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 310.854.6183 714.523.8077  
818.780.7433 818.336.4759

**Software** Worldgroup

**Nodes** 20

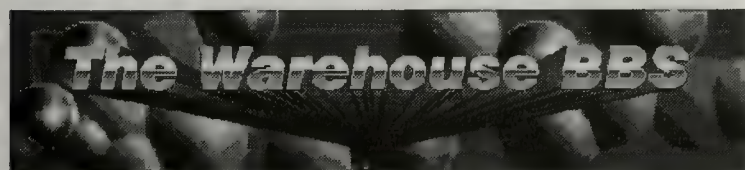
**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

Full-featured BBS with full Internet services to boot.

# The Warehouse



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	2	3	3	2	3	2

## "A Little Bit for All Tastes"

This Wildcat system out of Minneapolis has a little bit for everyone. A good sized collection of files, including an adult-only selection, a satellite-fed message base, and daily updates of

**Telnet** BBS.twh.com (205.219.138.111)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** <http://www.usinternet.com/twh>

**Email** travis.carter@twh.com

**Location** Minneapolis, MN, USA

**Dial-Up** 612.379.8272

**Software** Wildcat 4.x

**Nodes** 15

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

news and sports information make the Warehouse a well-rounded system.

The Warehouse is also the official BBS of the Minnesota OS/2 Warp Users Group, so Warkers can find technical support here as well.



# West Michigan Online



## PHOENIX ONLINE

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	2	3	1	3	3

### "Fun, wholesome fun for the whole family"

This 38-line system out of Holland, Michigan (no, it's not in Phoenix), offers a good collection of online services. Over two

**Telnet** wmol.com (206.42.218.25)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** 206.42.218.25  
**Web** <http://www.phxbbs.com>  
**Email** rkuite@phxbbs.com

**Location** Holland, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 616.392.8175 616.392.8176  
616.846.9860 616.844.3086  
**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 38  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

dozen games (including MajorMUD), tons of networked conferences, and chat, all designed for wholesome family fun. Special rates for inbound telnet subscribers.

## The WELL



*Conferencing*

*Join The WELL*

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	5	3	5	3

### "A Rich Tapestry of Ideas, People, and Conversation"

The Well is a virtual community focusing on computer conferencing and conversation. Over 200 Well conferences, plus *full* Usenet feed, are the Well's mainstay. The Well message base is considered one the most interesting and well-run online discussion areas on the Internet, and is a cyber-hangout for the famous, trendy, and intellectual members of the online world.

**Telnet** well.com (198.93.4.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.well.com>  
**Email**

**Location** San Francisco, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** Custom  
**Nodes**  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** Guest/newuser  
**Access** General audiences

The Well is one of the oldest, most respected, and perhaps one of the most unique destinations on the Internet. Once you visit here, you'll be tempted to stay for a long while. Highly recommended.

*User Comment (dhaueter@telegroup.com):* "I like the Well's eclectic subscribers, interesting posts, and new viewpoints."

# The Wild Onion! BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	3	3	3

## "The Midwest's Largest and Fastest Growing Online Community"

The Onion is a social BBS geared for adults, featuring psychological and medical support groups and an extremely active

**Telnet** onion.syn.net (205.243.101.10)  
**FTP**  
**Finger** onion.syn.net  
**Web** <http://www.onion.syn.net>  
**Email** sysop@onion.com

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 708.993.0461

**Software** MBBS/Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 80  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

social calendar. Onion!heads have more fun: telnet over and find out why.

# WildCard Online

Welcome to *WildCard Online*



We are about people, not connections.

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	3	2	3	3	3

## "Home of Showplace Savannah"

Whether you want to play a little online Doom with WO's Game Connect system, chat with a few of the locals, or check

**Telnet** wce.com (199.190.116.2)  
**FTP** ftp.wce.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.wce.com/>  
**Email** sysop@wce.com

**Location** Savannah, GA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 912.236.0083

**Software** Worldgroup 1.01  
**Nodes** 20  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

out what's happening in Savannah, WO has a little bit for every taste.

Free Web pages for users too.



# WildChild Photo BBS

Hi! I am Wildchild.  
I am a photographer and model.



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	0	3	2	3	3	2

## "A Cool Site with Tasteful Erotica"

Wildchild is a *wild* system run by a *wild* sysop who considers herself the "female Toulouse Lautrec of the 90s." You'll get a good taste of her photographic prowess online, exemplifying "the vicarious sexual focus of our era."

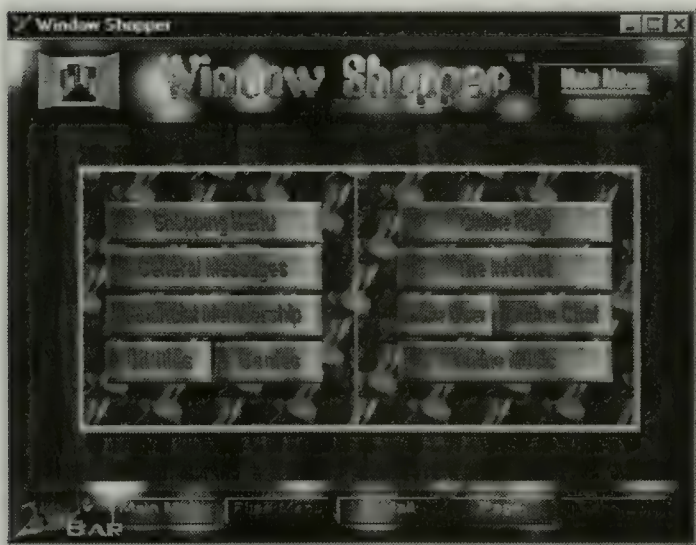
**Telnet** wildchild.com (204.181.110.8)  
**FTP** wildchild.com  
**Finger** wildchild.com  
**Web** <http://www.wildchild.com>  
**Email** wildchild@alt.email.net

**Location** Austin, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up**

**Software** UNIX  
**Nodes** 100  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** BBS  
**Access** General audiences

The sysop is a self-described "34-year-old, bisexual, active swinger," so you can imagine how interesting the regular social meets are. And for all you swingers out there....she's always looking for new models.

# Window Shopper



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	3	3	2

Although the main focus is online shopping (and there is a *lot* of that to be sure), WS also offers a wide array of files online with excellent search facility and online chat.

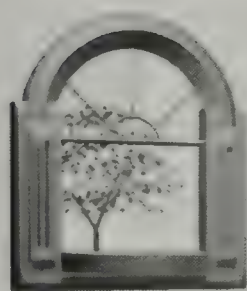
**Telnet**  
**FTP** ftp.winshop.com.au  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.winshop.com.au>  
**Email** leigh@winshop.com.au

**Location** Gold Coast, QL, Australia  
**Dial-Up** 61.7.55320355

**Software** Excalibur  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

This is one of those Excalibur systems, so be sure to get a copy of the free client via FTP at <ftp://winshop.com.au/excalterm/excaltrm.exe>.

## Windows OnLine



# Windows OnLine™

Windows OnLine™ is for Windows Lovers

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	1	4	2	4	3	3

**"The Largest Windows-Oriented Member Supported BBS"**

WO offers over 40,000 Windows shareware files with over 100,000 total files. WO publishes the acclaimed online maga-

**Telnet** WOL.COM (206.127.204.20)

**FTP** ftp://wolnet.com

**Finger**

**Web** http://www.wolnet.com

**Email** frank.mahaney@wolnet.com  
info@wolnet.com

**Location** Danville, CA, USA

**Dial-Up** 510.736.8343

**Software** PCBoard

**Nodes** 29

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

zine, *WinOnLine Review*, a colorful monthly publication produced in a Windows .HLP file and distributed to major online services. You can pick up an issue *free* from the WO Web site.

## The Wizard's Realm BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	2	1	3	3

**"A Magical Place on the Internet"**

Serving Albuquerque since 1992, WR is an all-ages system featuring chat, games, files (about three gigabytes worth), forums,

**Telnet** wizrealm.com (204.134.71.2)

**FTP**

**Finger**

**Web** http://wizrealm.com

**Email** graywiz@wrmmail.wizrealm.com

**Location** Albuquerque, NM, USA

**Dial-Up**

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes** 50

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

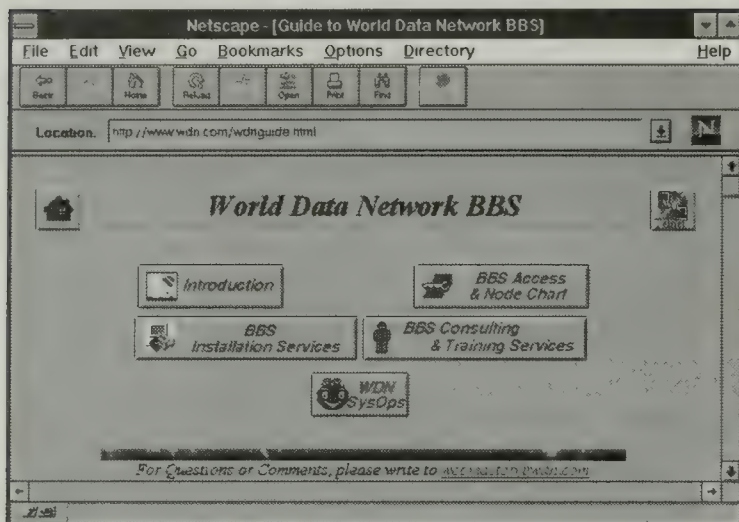
**Access** General audiences

and of course, Internet connectivity. An online dating service is also featured for those looking for a little cyber-loving.

*User Comment (graywiz@wizrealm.com):* "Excellent chat area with many interesting people to talk to."



# World Data Network BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
3	3	3	4	2	3	3

## "The largest BBS in the Washington, DC area"

WDN is the official shareware distributor for Epic Megagames and MVP. It carries eight huge international message conferences including FidoNet, Rime, Ilink, and JobNet. And they offer over 100 door games. Is it any wonder WDN was ranked the #7 best Internet BBS in 1996?

**Telnet** wdn.com (198.232.144.1)  
**FTP** reverse via telnet  
**Finger** wdn.com  
**Web** http://www.wdn.com  
**Email** andrew.bilski@wdn.com

**Location** Reston, VA, USA

**Dial-Up** 703.620.8900  
 301.654.2554

**Software** PCBoard 15.2

**Nodes** 35

**Pay** Yes

**Login** Real name

**Access** General audiences

*Sysop Comment (Andrew Bilski):* "We are in the process of installing a Web BBS. This is our attempt at selecting the best of the Web and BBS worlds and merging features of each into one system. We think it will be hot!"

# WorldCHAT BBS



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
2	3	2	2	1	3	3

## "Ontario, Canada's Premier BBS"

WorldCHAT is a chat-oriented online community, with a full complement of games and files.

**Telnet** BBS.wchat.on.ca (204.138.239.84)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.wchat.on.ca  
**Email** jhoskin@wchat.on.ca

**Location** Burlington, Ontario, Canada

**Dial-Up** 905.637.1827

**Software** MBBS

**Nodes**

**Pay** Yes

**Login** New

**Access** General audiences

*User Comment (czech@iastate.edu):* "I like to communicate with people from other cultures, which is why I like WorldCHAT."

## WorldClub Online

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	3	2	4	3	3

### "Looking for a Little Romance?"

Romance, friendship, love, and travel are the main attractions of WC. It features a rotating file base of over 300 photos and biographical information of beautiful Asian women overseas

**Telnet** wcb.com (204.117.168.100)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.wcb.com  
**Email** sysop@wcb.com

**Location** Ft. Washington, MD, USA  
**Dial-Up** 301.203.0281

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 16  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

who want American pen friends. A complete "Gentlemen's Travel Guide" to the Orient and tons of adult graphics (specializing in, you guessed it, Asian adult graphics).

## Worldnet Ohio

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGS	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
5	4	3	2	1	4	3

### "Home of Game Net, the World's First Interactive BBS Game Server"

Worldnet is a full-featured system that also serves as the base for Game Net, which allows over 50 BBSs from around the world to compete in such mega-hit games as MajorMUD,

**Telnet** worldnetoh.com (204.248.180.53)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web**  
**Email** sysop@worldnetoh.com

**Location** Cleveland, OH, USA  
**Dial-Up** 216.283.0494

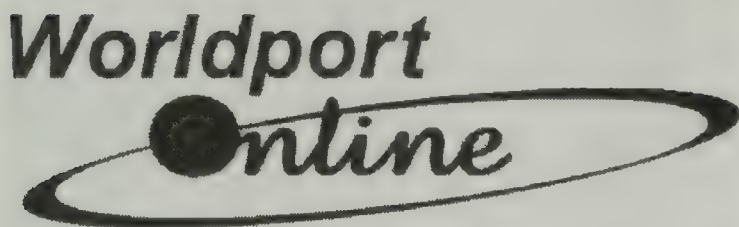
**Software** MBBS  
**Nodes** 48  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

TeleArena, and World Domination. Worldnet also hosts ChatWorld, its very own multiBBS chat network. Clean and easy-to-use menus also enhance the appeal of this gaming/chat mecca.

Definitely worth a look.



## Worldport Online



GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	3	1	3	3

Online discussions, both real-time and in the forums, help Worldport build a community atmosphere, even though Worldport is primarily an Internet provider for the DC area.

**Telnet** BBS.wport.com (204.122.18.162)  
**FTP** ftp.wport.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://www.wport.com  
**Email** sysop@wport.com  
support@wport.com  
**Location** Seattle, WA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 206.729.1057

**Software** Worldgroup  
**Nodes** 45  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

## WORLDVIEW BBS

### Welcome to the homepage of WORLDVIEW-BBS.COM

WORLDVIEW-BBS offers dedicated INTERNET ACCESS. New users may log on as Guest using the password Guest. Easy to use graphical client software is available for Macintosh (1.0-Mb) or Windows (600-Kb). Two 28.8-Kbps dial-up connections are also available for dial-up connections by calling 510-676-2919 (8N1).

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
0	1	3	3	3	3	4

Worldview, located in Concord, California, is focused on serious political discussion centering around the Christian Democratic movement. (It sounds serious, doesn't it?) Lots of online literature covering the movement is available, as well as gen-

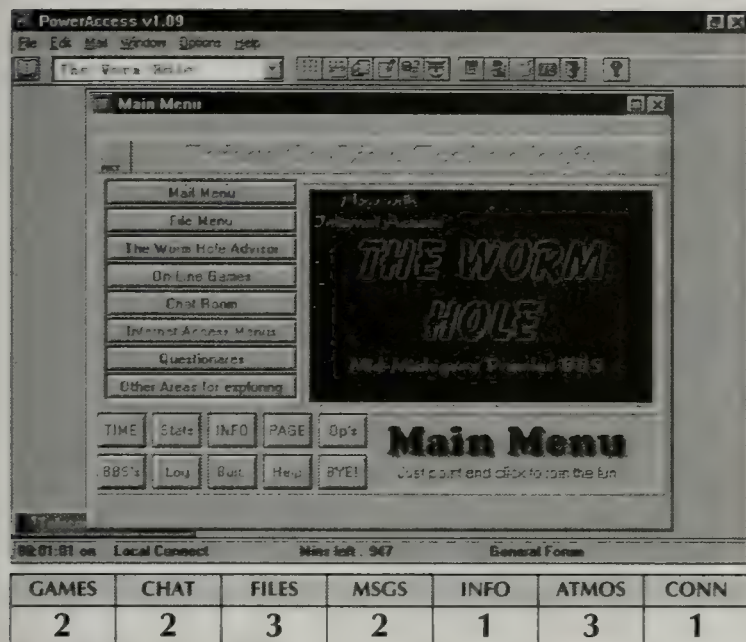
**Telnet** worldview-BBS.com (192.215.96.37)  
**FTP** ftp.netcom.com/pub/re/reefer/  
**Finger**  
**Web** http://worldview-BBS.com  
**Email** reefer@worldview-BBS.com  
reefer@netcom.com  
**Location** Concord, CA, USA  
**Dial-Up** 510.676.2919

**Software** TeleFinder  
**Nodes** 8  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Guest  
**Access** General audiences

eral files for PC and Macintosh. Complete Internet services for the techies too.

GUI client software is also available for the Mac and PC.

# The Worm Hole



**"A whole new on-line multimedia experience!"**

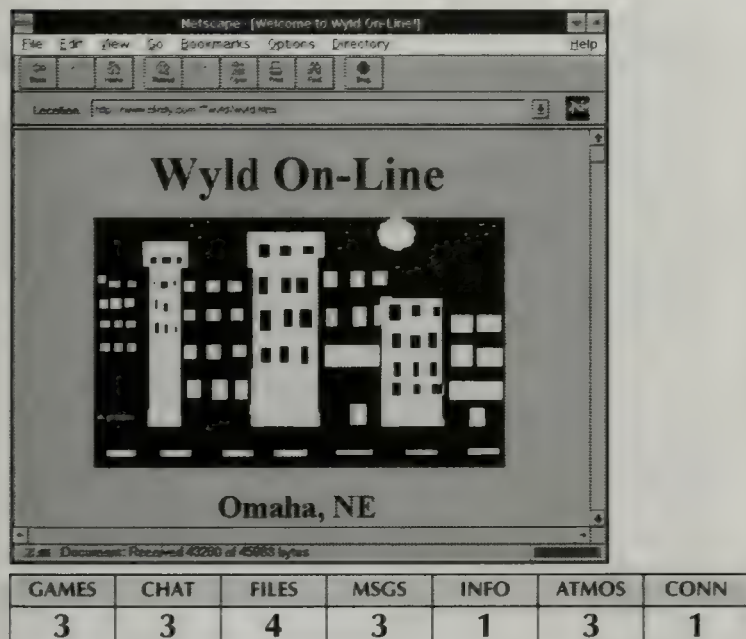
WH features the new Worldgroup Windows-based client interface for a true multimedia experience, including client-based games. Real-time music and even live video are promised in

**Telnet** (206.42.219.18)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://206.42.219.18>  
**Email** [foxtrot@kode.net](mailto:foxtrot@kode.net)  
[chris@tir.com](mailto:chris@tir.com)  
**Location** Flint, MI, USA  
**Dial-Up** 810.767.2812  
810.767.5188  
**Software** PowerBBS 4.5  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** New  
**Access** General audiences

the near future.

What d'you got to lose by checking it out: this system is *free* to telnetters.

# Wyld On-Line



**"The best in online entertainment"**

Whether you're looking for live chat or an esoteric discussion in the forums, Wyld is sure to please. Located in Omaha, Wyld offers local Nebraskans an on-ramp to the Internet and lets us telnetters take a peek at such unique offerings as The Girls of Omaha (adults only!). In fact, all amateur female models are encouraged to send in their pictures and personal information

**Telnet** [wyld.com](http://wyld.com) (204.77.163.15)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.nfinity.com/~wyld/>  
**Email** [wyld.html](mailto:wyld.html)  
[wyld@nfinity.nfinity.com](mailto:wyld@nfinity.nfinity.com)  
**Location** Omaha, NE, USA  
**Dial-Up** 402.556.4407  
**Software** PowerBBS  
**Nodes** 4  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** Adults only

and be included in the online models section (nice move there, Tim).

And who said there's nothing to do in Omaha?

*Tim Weidman, sysop:* "BBSs provide an exchange of cultures among people from around the globe. This is something that I believe other areas of the Net fail to do."



# Zeitgeist Bulletin Board

**Created and maintained by Bob Peterson.**

## The BBS

The Zeitgeist Bulletin Board began operations on August 1, 1988, and has operated continuously since. Zeitgeist currently supports three dial-up lines, one local login, and one telnet login, available from any Internet host.

Zeitgeist operates under OS/2 Warp for Windows

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	2	3	3	1	3	3

### "Spirit of the Age"

Zeitgeist is a German idiom meaning "spirit of the age" or "spirit of the times." ZBB came online in 1988, and has operated continuously since, now offering nearly 40,000 files, including thousands of image files of all types. ZBB supports

**Telnet** BBS.zgnews.com (204.181.120.31)  
**FTP**  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.zgnews.com>  
**Email** [peterson@mail.zgnews.com](mailto:peterson@mail.zgnews.com)

**Location** Plano, TX, USA  
**Dial-Up** 214.403.9406

**Software** Wildcat!  
**Nodes** 5  
**Pay** Optional  
**Login** Real name  
**Access** General audiences

discussion groups from FidoNet, OS/2 Net, and Usenet. Free Web pages for all subscribers.

*User Comment (en3weiga@swansea.ac.uk):* "The Z has everything I need to inform myself about topics I'm interested in (but never appear anywhere else on the Net)."

## The Zoo BBS



### The ZOO BBS

GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN
1	3	3	2	1	3	3

### "Chicago's Premier Gay BBS!"

Catering to users of all sexual preferences, the Zoo is an electronic safari targeting social interaction online in messages, chat cages, and live social events.

**Telnet** zoo-BBS.com (206.14.241.10)  
**FTP** ftp.zoo-BBS.com  
**Finger**  
**Web** <http://www.zoo-BBS.com>  
**Email** [zookeeper@zoo-BBS.com](mailto:zookeeper@zoo-BBS.com)

**Location** Chicago, IL, USA  
**Dial-Up** 312.743.9791  
312.743.9452

**Software** SuperDLX 2.0  
**Nodes** 32  
**Pay** Yes  
**Login** New  
**Access** Adults only

Two weeks free to telnet visitors. Stop by and play with the animals!

## *Appendix A*

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# *Getting on the Internet*

## *Choosing an Internet service provider (ISP)*

All of the BBSs listed in this guide are accessible through the Internet. This, of course, assumes you actually *have* access to the Internet. If you are not already hooked up to the Internet, then this section is meant for you. If you already have Internet access, but don't like your existing service or think you are paying too much, then you might find something here as well. Please keep in mind, this is just a broad quick-start guide to Internet services—there are entire books dedicated to this subject alone, although I think most of what anyone really needs to know is right here.

Before choosing your on-ramp to the Internet, you'll need to understand the different types of Internet access, the kinds of Internet functions and features you'll need, and the different types of Internet service providers available in your area.

## *Types of Internet access*

There are basically three types of Internet access you'll be shopping for: SLIP or PPP, shell, and integrated access.



## *SLIP/PPP*

SLIP (and it's more advanced cousin, PPP) is the single most common service offered by ISPs, and the one most needed by users. SLIP allows your computer to tap into the Internet directly, and offers the widest range of Internet services. SLIP lets your computer talk *TCP/IP*, which is the communications protocol of the Internet. Through a SLIP dial-up connection, you can run telnet, FTP, email, World Wide Web, newsgroups, and IRC. Using SLIP, you actually run the client software on your own computer—all your ISP is doing is providing you an on-ramp—your own PC does most of the work. Most ISPs will also provide the software you'll need to get going. If you want to access Internet email and newsgroups, you'll also want to make sure that the ISP is running a mail server and a news server. Most do, but you'll want to check anyway.

## *Shell*

Some ISPs offer users direct access to the ISP's own computer system, usually a large UNIX or mainframe computer. This type of access is generally only required by advanced users. Through a shell account, users can access most Internet functions from a not-too-user-friendly command prompt. Some ISPs offer a menu-driven interface that makes getting around much easier. Although a shell account gives you access to most Internet features, it generally lacks the graphical user-interface that most users want. New users should be wary of ISPs that offer shell accounts as their only Internet access, and should find an ISP that offers SLIP or PPP as well.

## *Integrated access*

Integrated access is a category of internet access I invented to cover all those online services that offer some or all Internet features from an uncommon or non-standard interface. For example, some BBSs offer telnet access through their own custom interface, such as a menu of Internet BBSs. The users don't need to understand telnet; all they need do is select the option off a menu. Internet newsgroups might also be offered as additional message forums from within the online service's regular message-base interface. If you know exactly which features you are looking for, and are satisfied with this sometimes limited form of Internet access, then an ISP offering integrated Internet services might be just what you need. This is a good beginner level for basic Internet exploration. Eventually, however, most users will need broader and more standardized access, such as SLIP or PPP.

## Types of Internet features and functions

Another basic question you'll need to consider is, What Internet features do I need? ISPs usually offer a wide range of services, some are essential, while some you may not need at all. At this point you need to be aware of some basic Internet functions:

- *Telnet* This allows you to connect and log in to systems attached to the Internet. You'll need this function to access most Internet BBSs. Another flavor of this function is called *rlogin*, which basically accomplishes the same thing. Advanced versions of telnet also allow for file transfers built in to the program.
- *FTP* File transfer protocol (FTP) is one (but not the only) method for transferring files to and from systems on the Internet. Some BBSs support FTP; most do not.
- *Web* The World Wide Web (WWW, or *Web*) is quickly becoming the most popular feature of the Net, and often is what most users think of when you say, "Internet." The Web is like a world-wide encyclopedia or catalog with millions of interlocking *pages*. Each page of information links you to other pages of related information. The pages themselves can be, and often are, located anywhere in the world, and communicate in a language called hyper-text mark-up language (HTML). There is both a text-based and graphical-user-interface (GUI) version of this function. Most users prefer the GUI, which has become popularized with software such as Netscape Navigator and America Online's Internet Browser. Most Internet BBSs have a Web page that provides general information about their system. Most also have a telnet link directly through the Web which will automatically run a telnet client program so that you can log in to the BBS right from the Web. Some BBSs are actually being constructed directly on the Web, and these are discussed later in the book.
- *Email* Internet email allows you to send and receive electronic mail on the Internet. It's a basic function that virtually all ISPs and most Internet BBSs support.
- *Newsgroups* Most BBSs have some flavor of public messaging, usually broken down by subject. These are long-running public discussions on various topics where users can reply and interject their own comments. On the Internet these are called *newsgroups* and are often participated in by thousands of Internet users over months or even years. Newsgroups are also called *special interest groups*, or *SIGs*.
- *IRC* Internet relay chat (IRC) is an open and live conversation area that often includes thousands of Internet users simultaneously. The chat area is



divided into hundreds of topics, and runs twenty-four hours a day. It's something of an Internet phenomena, to say the least. It's also fantastically fun, once (and if) you figure out how to use it.

- *Shell* For the hard-core Internet geek, a UNIX-type shell is essential. A shell is nothing more than command-line access on a large computer system. Usually, the advanced user can write and compile his own programs as well. This kind of function is not required for Internet access, and is not offered by all ISPs. It is not for the beginner.

## *Types of Internet service providers*

Internet service providers come in several different flavors. Some of the major online services, such as CompuServe and America Online, offer various levels of Internet access along with a full range of local services. There are also a growing number of national ISPs that offer Internet as their primary service. Local home-grown ISPs often offer full-featured Internet access at extremely competitive prices, while local BBSs, which are primarily content providers, are making a good run at being full-featured ISPs as well. Remember, these days just about anyone can become an ISP, so prices, features, and reliability vary widely.

### *Major online services*

- *America Online* America Online (AOL) offers integrated access, using its own customized software. Functions includes the Web, FTP, IRC, and many Internet newsgroups. Since AOL does not currently offer standard SLIP or PPP access, users are limited to the special (but free) software that is included with an AOL membership. Telnet (what you'll need for most Internet BBSs) is not currently offered, but is expected to be added in the near future. Besides being relatively expensive, the AOL interface is considered by most experienced Internet explorers to be a bit limited, and the Web browser is not always 100% compatible with all sites. If you are already a member of AOL, this is certainly a good place to start your Internet travels, but you'll probably want to seek out an ISP that offers a standard SLIP or PPP connection as well.
- *CompuServe* CompuServe, like America Online, is an integrated access Internet provider that uses customized software. CompuServe, however, does offer telnet access, so it is suitable for getting online with Internet BBSs. CompuServe is also relatively expensive, and does not offer standard SLIP or PPP access.

- *Prodigy* Prodigy is a bit behind on the Internet services side, merely offering Internet email. I expect Prodigy to expand their Internet services in the future, but in the meantime, they are not what I would call an ISP at all.
- *Microsoft Networks* Microsoft recently joined the ranks of major online services, and the complete software needed to use this service is included with Windows '95 (clever move, Bill). How this network works is still vague, but it seems to use standard TCP/IP. The Microsoft Internet Explorer software supports all Internet functions, including telnet, and even allows for the use of third party clients (so you can use Navigator, for example, as your Web browser). Costs are still generally higher than most national ISPs and local ISPs, but they appear to offer full-fledged Internet access at a competitive price.

### *National Internet service providers*

There are many national ISPs offering SLIP and PPP access as well as shell accounts at competitive prices. Some of the better known providers include Netcom, Halonet, and PSI. Most of these ISPs offer local dial-up numbers, though you'll need to check with the ISP to see if your area is included, and what baud rates are supported (some local numbers only offer rates lower than 14.4). In general, these services offer pure Internet access, with little or no local services, but are generally priced much lower than the major online services, and offer full Internet features, such as all Internet newsgroups. These services allow the user to run any SLIP or PPP compatible software, although many will provide free software with membership. I generally recommend this kind of ISP over any of the major online services if a local ISP or Internet BBS is unavailable in the user's area.

### *Local Internet service providers*

Local internet service providers represent the fastest-growing segment of the Internet service market, with new ISPs popping up daily. Most of these ISPs are completely homegrown, offering full Internet access to a limited local dialing area. The downside is that, as with all new business ventures, some are destined to fail. As a smaller enterprise, the local ISP might have fewer dial-up lines, resulting in more busy signals, or a slower Internet connection, resulting in lower overall performance. The upside is that these ISPs usually cost a mere fraction of a national ISP or major online service. Things to consider when choosing a local ISP include:



- *What is the speed of the ISP's Internet connection?* You'll want a local ISP with a T1 or better. An ISP with a 56 or 128 Kbps connection might also provide adequate service, as long as it doesn't exceed the number of simultaneous users that its connection can handle. For example, an ISP with a 56 Kbps circuit that is supporting more than a couple dozen 28.8 user dial-up lines will have mediocre performance during peak hours.
- *What level of support does the ISP provide?* Some local ISPs are run out of the local PC store, and the owner may have very little knowledge of the Internet. Unless you are an Internet wizard, look for a local ISP that has well-trained and experienced support staff and, preferably, a customer support line with support hours that fit your usage times.
- *Does the ISP include software?* Most local ISPs include easy-to-use and easy-to-set-up Internet access software. If nothing else, it should be able to get you the software you'll need to access its service.
- *Does the ISP offer short-term contracts and inexpensive start-up fees?* Some local ISPs charge \$50 or more just to get signed up or require a annual commitment. Remember, this is a very competitive marketplace. You should be able to find a local ISP that is willing to get you set up for \$30 or less and let you join on a monthly basis. This way if the ISP doesn't work out, you're not obligated for more than maybe one extra month of service. (Note: Some ISPs require a 30-day notice before canceling services.)

## *BBSs as Internet service providers*

Most of the Internet BBSs listed in this guide are also Internet service providers to users in the BBS's local dialing area. Many offer full-blown Internet access, including SLIP and PPP, at prices comparable or less than local ISPs. Many of the Internet BBSs also offer some form of integrated access, where Internet features are built into many of the basic BBS services. Internet email, for example, is often fully integrated with local BBS email.

The main advantage of using your local BBS for Internet access (aside from cost) is the friendly community spirit that comes at no extra charge. Most BBS sysops are also experts at customer support. Unlike many of the newly mushrooming local ISPs, local BBSs often have years of experience with online users, and are more than willing to help the novice Internet explorer. In addition, BBS users are generally willing to help their fellow cyber-travellers; and BBSs provide a warm atmosphere for online user interaction. I'm often amazed at just how

helpful veteran BBSers are with new BBS users (*newbies*). Many new users often start out using the local BBS services before venturing out into the vast (and much more complicated) world of the Internet.

Like local ISPs, features and performance vary greatly among BBSs with Internet access—so once again, you'll want to shop around. Fortunately, most BBSs offer free trial memberships so you can see if this is the kind of community you want join and if the Internet access meets your expectations and requirements. In general, Internet BBSs are a real bargain, providing a rich array of local services with Internet access often thrown in at no extra charge.

A special Internet BBS area code index is provided in Appendix B to help you locate an Internet BBS in your local dialing area.

## *How much does it cost?*

Depending upon your ISP, expect to pay between \$10 and \$50 a month for dial-up access to the Internet. Some ISPs will give you unlimited hours per month, while others will give you a limited number per day, per week, or per month and charge you for each hour above the defined limit. Many offer several plans or packages based on light, medium, or heavy usage.

You need to be very aware of how much access you really need before you choose the plan that's most economical for you. For example, some ISPs will offer unlimited access per month for \$40, and break down the cost as "only 5 cents per hour!" which is great if you are on the Internet 24 hours a day. If you only use the Internet for four hours a month, the cost would really be a whopping \$10 an hour. Chances are, the same ISP offers a smaller, limited hour plan for a lot less money per month, that would easily cover your four hours of actual need. My own service, for example, charges a flat fee of 50 cents per hour with no monthly charges at all, and time is purchased in advance. This is a great plan for people that use the Internet infrequently, or inconsistently per month. You could buy twenty hours worth of time for \$10, and use the hours when ever you wanted, even over many months. However, for the heavy user, a \$40 month plan with unlimited hours would cost considerably less.

The best approach is to look closely at your own Internet usage. If your usage changes, most ISPs will allow you to change plans at any time without additional charges or penalties. If you don't know yet how often you will use the Internet, try out a plan that doesn't commit you to any long-term contract. Perhaps a flat per-hour schedule, where you are only charged for how much you use, would be a good starter plan.



## *Making a choice*

The range of Internet costs within the same area often varies by 300% or more for comparable services. When shopping, be sure you are comparing apples to apples. Service levels vary: not all ISPs are built on the same technical or business foundation. For example, if you own a 28.8 modem, make sure the ISP supports 28.8. Do you get a lot of busy signals trying to connect to your ISP? Make sure the ISP has enough phone lines in relation to the number of users it is supporting. Granted, you won't usually know this until you get going with the ISP, so see if the ISP will give you some free time to try it out (most will, especially if asked). What is the ISP's average downtime per month? Is there someone you can call if you have a problem? What time of day will you be using the Internet, and do prices vary based on time of day? Is the ISP accessible through a local phone number? Always remember, new ISPs are springing up every day, so if your ISP isn't working out, try another!

Before starting up with an ISP, you should have some idea of what Internet features you want to use. If you are unsure, go with an ISP that provides a basic SLIP or PPP connection so you can try out some of everything.

Check around, and you'll probably be surprised by services offered in your local dialing area. Are there any Internet BBSs that are a local call for you? If not, are there any local ISPs? The only time I recommend using a national service is when service is not provided locally. Local ISPs are usually the least expensive way to get on the Internet, and you'll be supporting your local economy as well. Connect locally, telnet globally!

## Appendix B

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# Internet BBS summary list

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BBS name	GAMES	CHAT	FILES	MSGs	INFO	ATMOS	CONN	Telnet address
A Clockwork Online	3	3	2	1	1	4	4	clockwork.com
A World Locally	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	bbs.locally.com
Abingdon Online	1	3	2	4	1	3	2	abol.com
Absolute Connection	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	a-c.in.net
Abuse! Online	3	3	5	3	1	4	4	ABUSEME.COM
Access Nevada	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	spillway.accessnv.com
Access One Online Services	3	3	3	2	1	3	4	access-one.com
ACE InfoSystems	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	aceinfo.com
AdeptXBBS	0	0	2	1	3	2	1	adeptsoft.gate.net
Adult Fantasy BBS	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	ADF.COM
The Adult Hangout bbs	3	3	4	2	1	4	3	adult-hangout.com
Adventure Connection	4	4	2	2	1	3	4	advconn.com
AECNET	0	1	3	3	4	3	3	aecnet.com
AEROSAT BBS	3	3	4	2	1	3	4	nt.pacx.com
After Hourz BBS	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	ahbqs.com
Afterimage Information Matrix (A.I.M.)	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	aim.novasys.com
Agora Online	3	2	3	3	2	3	4	bbs.agoron.com
Aladdin's Palace BBS	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	aladdin.bc.ca

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The Alamo BBS	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	the.alamo.com
Albuquerque ROS	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	abq-ros.com
Alice's Restaurant	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	alices.com
Alien's SpaceShip BBS	3	4	3	2	1	3	4	aliens.com
The Alliance BBS	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	alliancebbs.com
Alternate LifeStyles Internet MatchMaker	0	3	0	3	3	2	1	alt.email.net
Amateur Erotica BBS of Chicago	0	0	4	2	1	3	2	205.164.6.169
America's Suggestion Box	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	asb.com
Anaheim Hills Online	0	2	2	2	4	3	2	aho.com
Anarchy Online	1	3	4	3	5	4	2	anarchy-online.com
Anarchy-X	3	4	3	3	2	5	4	bbs.ax.com
The Annex!	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	annex.com
AOP BBS	0	0	4	3	4	3	1	aop.org
AppleWize OnLine	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	applewize.com
Aquarius BBS	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	bbs.goldengate.net
Aquila BBS	1	1	4	4	1	4	4	aquila.com
Argus Online	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	argusbbs.com
Arise BBS	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	194.17.237.123
Arizona InterActive Systems	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	azi.com
ASERTEL Servicios On-line	3	3	3	2	1	3	4	hermes.asertel.es
Astro Online Services	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	astonline.com
The Atlanta Windows BBS	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	bbs.atlwin.com
Atlantis BBS	4	3	3	2	1	3	3	atlantis-bbs.com
Atlas BBS	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	gilroy.com
Atomic Dog BBS	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	atomicdog.com
Auggie BBS	1	4	1	4	1	2	1	bbs.augsburg.edu
Austin Clubhouse BBS	0	3	0	3	1	3	3	club.fc.net
Auto/BrokerNet	0	0	2	2	4	3	3	bbs.autobroker.net
Bargain Board	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	Bargainbd.com
Barney's Rubble	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	rubble.fidouk.org
Beach House	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	asi.algorithms.com
The Behavioral Health Network	0	2	2	2	4	3	3	behavnet.com
Believers BBS	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	believers.org

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BHNET	1	3	2	3	1	2	3	bhnet.com.br
The Big Easy	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	bigeasy.com
BitNova	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	bitnova.com
Black Gold BBS	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	bgbbs.com
Blitzkrieg Information BBS	3	4	2	3	1	3	3	blitzinfo.com
Boardwatch Magazine BBS	0	0	2	3	4	3	1	boardwatch.com
Boston Dungeon Society	0	3	2	3	3	3	2	bdsbbs.com
Bound for Pleasure BBS	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	bfp.com
The Brewers' Witch BBS	2	3	3	4	3	4	3	brewich.com
California BBS	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	calbbs.com
The Canton Connection BBS	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	tccbbs.com
Capital City Cyberlink	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	DClink.com
Carolina Chat, Inc.	3	3	4	3	1	3	3	carolina-chat.com
Carolina Online	3	4	2	2	1	3	3	nconline.com
Castle Holt BBS	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	castleholt.com
Catania On Line	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	ctonline.it
CCS World	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	ccsnet.com
CedarNet Online	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.cedarnet.com
Cetys BBS	0	1	0	3	2	2	2	cetysbbs.mx1.cetys.mx
CHANNEL 1 (R)	2	1	5	2	2	3	4	bbs.channel1.com
Chatline BBS	2	4	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.comfo.ca
ChatMaster BBS	3	4	4	2	2	4	3	cmaster.com
Chicago Internet MatchMaker	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	chicago.email.net
Christian Internet MatchMaker	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	christian.email.net
Christian Pursuit - The Fellowship Network	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	cpursuit.com
Christie's Internet Matchmaker	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	christie.email.net
Chrysalis Online Services	3	3	5	3	1	4	3	chrysalis.org
Cinci-Net	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	cinci.net
Cincinnati Multi-Player Connection BBS	4	3	2	2	1	3	3	cinmpc.com
The City Lights	2	1	3	4	2	3	3	tclbbs.com
Close Encounters Adult	3	4	2	1	1	3	3	Close.packet.net
Closer To Home BBS Systems	2	3	3	2	1	4	3	closer2.brisnet.org.au



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Cloud City	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	cloud.com
Club Met	4	5	4	4	2	4	5	clubmet.com
Columbus Online	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	cols.com
COMM Port OS/2	0	0	3	2	1	2	2	juge.com
Community Access BBS	2	2	2	4	2	3	3	CAbbs.com
Community Online	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	chamber.worcester.ma.us
ComPart BBS	0	1	3	4	1	2	3	compart.fi
Compu-Erotica	2	4	4	3	2	4	3	cebbs.com
The Computerized AIDS Ministries Network (CAM!)	0	2	2	3	4	3	1	hwbbs.gbgbm-umc.org
ComputerLink Online, Inc.	3	4	3	2	1	3	4	mbbs.compulink.com
The Connection BBS	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	connection.com
Connections	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	connections.ultranet.com
CONNECTIONs BBS	4	4	3	3	1	4	4	chaos.connect-bbs.com
Connections! BBS of Southern Hospitality	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	msmatch.com
Construction OnLine	0	0	3	3	4	3	2	199.166.4.9
ConXtion	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	ConXtion.Com
Courier Online	1	2	2	2	4	3	2	col.evansville.net
COWZ - The Cattle Crossing on the Information Superhighway	3	4	2	3	2	5	3	cow.net
CRIS (Concentric Research Corp)	4	3	3	3	3	4	5	cris.com
Critical Mass Online	3	2	3	2	2	4	3	Thecatacomb.com
The Crystal Barrier	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.tcbi.com
Crystal Quill	5	3	3	2	1	4	3	cq.cqi.com
CSI Online	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	csionline.com
Custom Computers BBS	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	ccdbbs.com
CybaLink BBS Internet Services	2	2	4	2	1	2	3	gw.cybalink.com
CyBER HoUSE	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	cyberhouse.org
Cyber Space Connection	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.cyber-conn.com
Cyber Warrior Network	4	3	3	2	1	4	4	outland.cyberwar.com
Cyber/Chat!	3	4	3	2	1	3	4	bbs.cybercom.com
Cybercat Online	3	2	4	2	2	3	3	cycat.com
CyberCity USA	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	cybercityusa.com

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Cybercup Internet Coffeehouse	3	4	3	2	1	4	3	cybercup.com
Cyberdelic BBS	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	johnson.cioe.com
The CyberDen	0	0	4	3	5	3	2	cyberden.com
Cyberia	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	cyberia.com
CyberKorea	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	cyberkorea.com
Cyberlink	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	lin.cbl.com.au
CyberLynx	3	3	2	1	1	3	4	clynx.com
CyberNet Online	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	cynol.com
Cyberspace BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	cyberspace.grnet.com
CYBERSPACE HQ	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	cyberhq.com
Cyberspace7 BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	cyberspace7.ptd.net
CyberZone Online	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	cybrzn.com
Dallas/Fort Worth MatchMaker	0	4	0	3	2	3	2	dallas.email.net
Pen-Pal Network								
Data Highway	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	dth.com
DataQuest BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	dqbbs.com
DataSafe Publications BBS	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	dsafe.com
DC Tavern	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	dracos.net
Del's Place BBS	2	4	2	2	1	5	3	delsplace.com
Delaware Online!	0	0	2	2	3	2	4	dol.net
Delaware Valley On Line	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	dvol.com
deltaComm Online	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	delta.com
Deltronix Online	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	deltronix.com
Dental-X-Change	0	2	2	3	4	3	3	odont.com
Denver Exchange	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	bbs.tde.com
Designlink	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	designlink.com
Dialdata Systems	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	bbs.dialdata.com.br
Diamond Mine BBS	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	diamond.intersef.net
Digital Rain	4	3	2	2	1	3	3	digital-rain.com
Digital Velocity BBS	0	0	3	2	4	3	4	bbs.dv.nortel.net
Digital World	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	dgtlwrld.com
The Dirty Hacker BBS	0	0	4	0	1	2	1	205.161.119.237
Disk Jockey Online	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	djo.com



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Doctor's Office BBS / Falken Support BBS	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	docs.dgsys.com
The Doll House BBS	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	bbs.dhsys.net
The Downtown BBS	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	dwntwn.com
Dragon Keep International	5	3	3	2	1	4	3	dkeep.com
Dreamscape BBS	2	2	3	4	1	3	4	future.dreamscape.com
Dreamscape Entertainment Service	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	dscape.cyberstore.com
DSC BBS / Voicenet (Datamax/Satalink Connection BBS)	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	dsc.voicenet.com
DSIT online	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	online.dsit.com
DSP Information & Entertainment	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.dsp.com
Eager Beaver Computers MBBS	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	beaver.com
ECTech - BBS Excellence	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	bbs.microsys.net
Eden BBS	3	4	3	3	1	4	3	edenbbs.com
Edward Lowe Foundation BBS	0	2	3	3	5	2	2	bbs.lowe.org
Electric City BBS	1	3	3	2	3	4	2	il.net
The Electric Cafe BBS!	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	cafebbs.com
The Electronic Universe BBS	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	e-universe.com
The Elevator	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	elevator-bbs.com
The Eleventh Hour	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	eleventh.com
Elysian Fields	2	2	1	1	3	2	5	castle.elysian.net
Emergency BBS On-Line Services	0	1	4	2	5	3	2	emergency.com
Empire BBS	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	empire.bbs.net.au
Empty Spaces BBS / ElekSys Internet	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.empty.com
ENCIS-NET	2	3	3	3	1	3	3	bbs.encis.es
The Endless Forest	0	2	2	3	2	3	1	forest.novia.net
Endless Mountain CyberSPACE	4	3	3	3	1	4	3	emcyber.com
The English Palace BBS	2	4	4	3	3	4	3	palace.com
Entertainment and Consumers Network	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	ecn.ecn.com
Escape	0	2	3	2	1	2	5	Escape.com
eSoft Support and Demo BBS	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	esoft.com
EuroGate	0	0	3	2	5	3	1	eurogate.iit.nl
EveryBaudys Online	3	5	2	1	1	4	3	grolen.com

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Excalibur Headquarters BBS	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	@excaliburbbs. excalbbs.com
ExecNet Information Systems	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	execnet.com
ExecPC	1	1	5	2	2	3	5	bbs.execpc.com
Exoticomm BBS	1	3	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.exoticomm.com
Eye Contact BBS	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	bbs.eyecon.com
The Eyes of Time BBS	1	3	2	2	2	4	3	eyesoftime.com
EZLink Internet Access	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	ezlink.com
EZNet	0	0	2	2	4	3	3	eznetny.com
Familytown Online	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	familytown.com
Farm Information Services	0	0	3	3	5	2	4	fis.awp.com
Fast! BBS	1	1	3	4	3	3	2	bbs.fast.co.za
The FastLane BBS	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	flbbs.com
The Fetish Network BBS	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	fetish.wisenet.com
The File Bank BBS	1	1	5	5	3	3	4	bbs.tfb.com
File Gallery Online Service	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	fgallery.com
The Fire House Inn	3	3	4	2	4	3	3	fhouse.org
FireBurners BBS Online	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.fbo.com
First Impressions BBS	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	bbs.firstimpress.com
the FiX	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	the-fix.sos.on.ca
The Floating Pancreas BBS	2	3	4	4	4	4	3	pancreas.com
The Flower Link BBS	2	2	2	2	4	3	2	flowerlink.com
Fly by Knight, Ltd. BBS	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	fbkltd.com
FOUR.net	0	2	1	2	1	2	3	FOUR.net
France Online	1	3	3	3	5	4	3	france.com
The French Connection BBS	0	1	4	1	1	3	2	206.170.76.1
FSU BBS	1	2	4	1	1	3	3	fsubbs.com
Full Access BBS	3	4	2	1	1	4	3	fab.bossnt.com
Future Frontier	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	fft.com
GaiaNet BBS	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	bbs.gaianet.net
Galacticomm DEMO System	1	1	3	3	4	3	3	gcomm.com
The Game Master	4	3	2	2	3	4	3	gm.gamemaster.qc.ca
THE GaRBaGe DuMP BBS	3	4	3	2	1	4	3	dump.com
Gateway Online	1	3	3	2	4	3	4	bbs.gatecom.com



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The Global Blind Exchange (GBX)	2	2	3	3	5	3	3	gbx.org
Global InfoNet	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	california.com
The Gnome's Guest House	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	gnomes.org
GRAFIX	0	0	4	1	1	3	2	grafix.com
Grand Rapids Online	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	gronline.alliance.net
The Graphics Alternative	0	0	3	3	4	3	1	tgax.com
Great Gig in the Sky	0	2	4	4	5	4	2	greatgig.com
GREX	2	2	2	4	3	4	4	cyberspace.org
GRN BBS	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	grn.es
The Grotto of Dreams	3	4	1	2	3	4	3	thegrotto.com
Ground Zero BBS	3	2	3	4	1	3	4	gzero.com
HACOM BBS	1	1	3	4	2	2	3	bbs.hacom.nl
Hafa Adai Exchange & BBS Networks	1	2	5	3	3	3	4	bbsnets.com
HAL 9000 BBS	0	0	4	3	3	3	3	HAL9K.COM
Hamptons Online: life on a virtual beach	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	hamptons.com
Harbor Breeze 95! BBS	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	harborbreeze.com
HeartBeat BBS	3	4	4	2	2	3	4	heartbeat.org
Helix : Houston's Electronically Linked Information eXchange	4	3	2	2	2	4	3	helix.xiii.com
The Henson House	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	206.100.165.80
High Society	3	5	4	3	2	3	3	hs.wisenet.com
Hispanet	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	bbs.hnet.es
The Holodeck BBS	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	wwcomm.com
The Hot Spot BBS	4	4	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.hspot.com
Hotel California	3	4	4	2	3	4	3	Kincyb.com
HTP Net Online	0	0	4	3	2	3	3	http.com
Huntsville & The Tennessee Valley On-Line	0	0	2	2	4	3	2	www.huntshome.com
The HURRICANE	4	3	2	3	1	3	3	diversicomm.com
(I)ndustry BBS	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	industry-dm.com
IACC ONLINE BBS	0	0	2	2	4	2	1	iacc.housing.umich.edu
ICA Canada On-Line Inc.	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.icacomp.com

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ICE Online	5	3	2	2	1	3	4	icebox.iceonline.com
Idaho Interactive	3	3	3	2	1	3	4	idibbs.com
Illusions II (Adult's ONLY)	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.ilsoft.com
Independence Online!	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	inde.com
The INDEX System	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	index.com
INFIMA BBS	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	bbs.infima.cz
Infinite Data Source On-Line Service	4	2	5	5	4	3	2	bbs.idsonline.com
Infinite Space Online	4	4	2	2	1	3	4	genesis.ispace.com
Infinity Online	4	3	3	2	1	3	4	ionline.com
infoNet Bulletin Board System	0	2	3	3	4	3	2	infousa.com
Information Highway On-Ramp	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	on-ramp.com
Innovations BBS	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	innonyc.com
Insight Media	3	2	3	3	4	3	2	insight-media.co.uk
INTERACT	4	4	1	1	1	4	3	diversion.com
Interact! BBS	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	bbs.ohana.com
INTERCOM Spain	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	intercom.es
Interludes Online	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	bbs.hwsys.com
IntheNet OLS and Virtual Marketplace	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	inthenet.com
The Invention Factory BBS	3	3	4	2	1	3	3	factory.com
IPlay On-Line	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	ipplay.interplay.com
Iris BBS	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	iris.mother.com
Isle-Net	3	4	3	3	1	4	3	islenet.com
Jaguar BBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	jaguar.pue.udlap.mx
Janis II - Tokyo	1	1	5	4	2	3	3	asianet.net
Jassycas BBS	0	3	0	3	2	2	1	jassycas.tu-chemnitz.de
The Jungle BBS	4	5	3	2	2	4	3	Jungle.net
KBBS Los Angeles	4	5	4	3	2	4	4	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
Kingston Online Services	4	3	3	5	2	3	4	bbs.kosone.com
Kitsap Information Network	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	kinn.com
The Knoxville News-Sentinel KnoxLink	1	2	1	3	5	3	3	online.knoxnews.com
The Kobayashi Alternative BBS	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	tka.com



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Kompleat Internet Services, LLC	3	4	4	2	1	3	5	bbs.kis.net
The LabyrinthOnline	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	labyrin.com
The Laser Connection	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	laser.trilogy.net
LaserBase Communications	0	1	3	2	2	2	2	laserbase.com
Liberty BBS	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	liberty.com
Lifestyle Online	0	3	3	3	3	3	2	lifestyle.com
LINQ BBS	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	linq.com
Liquid Sky BBS	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	liquidsky.com
Logic Circuit	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	Logicom.com
LOIS: the Link Online in Santa Maria	0	3	0	1	1	2	2	lois.org
Lori's Toy Store	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	lorst.com
Love Bytes	3	4	4	2	2	4	3	bytenet.com
Lunatic's Asylum	4	3	2	2	1	4	3	lunatic.ak.net
Macatawa Multi-line	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.macatawa.com
Magic Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	magicbus.com
MagicVillage	0	2	3	3	3	3	2	hh.magicvillage.de
Magnus Online	0	1	4	3	3	2	3	online.magnus1.com
Mainline Information Service	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	mainline.ab.ca
The Male Box BBS	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	tmb-bbs.com
The Male Forum	0	3	2	3	1	3	1	mforum.com
Maloca BBS Toronto	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	bbs.maloca.com
Maloka BBS Warsaw	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	bbs.maloka.waw.pl
Malum Information Network	3	3	2	4	3	2	2	malum.ab.ca
MariNet, Inc.	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	mrnet.com
Marvin	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	tycho.com
Masterpiece	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	masterpiece.com
MATrIX de Puerto Rico	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	MATRIX-PR.COM
MCM III BBS at Legal Recourse	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	legal.com
Meeting House BBS	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	tmh.bbsnet.com
Meme Online	5	2	3	3	1	4	3	eris.nas.com
Metro Online BBS	3	4	2	2	1	3	3	nycmetro.com
Metro Slave Online BBS	0	3	3	2	2	4	2	metroslave.com
Metropoli BBS	1	0	3	3	3	2	2	mpoli.fi

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MHVnet	0	2	3	2	1	2	3	mhv.net
Micro City Online	3	3	3	2	1	4	3	microcity.com
Mike's BBS	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	bbs.gar.no
Miller's Party Board	4	4	3	3	2	4	3	mpb.com
MiSTiCA	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	mistica.com
mixBBS	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	mixbbs.commdesign.com
Mnematics Videotex	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	vtx.mne.com
Modem Madness	4	3	3	2	1	3	3	madbbs.com
Monochrome	0	3	3	4	2	4	2	mono.org
Monolith BBS	0	2	0	4	2	2	2	130.89.228.12
Moonflower	2	2	2	4	2	3	4	moon.iea.com
The Motherboard	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	motherboard.com
MPI Online Services	4	3	1	1	1	4	3	bbs.mpi-net.com
Multi-Comm Las Vegas	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	mcomm.mclv.net
Multicom-4 BBS Network	2	4	2	2	2	4	3	multicom.org
MultiSystem Information Service	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	multisystem.com
NandoNet	0	2	1	2	4	3	2	camelot.nando.net
Nasty Playmates	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	np1.com
National Modem Pool	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	nmp.net
NeoNexus Systems	3	3	3	2	1	3	4	bbs.neonexus.com
The Nest BBS	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	netsbbs.pretech.com.au
NET Online	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	neto.com
Net-link Online	3	4	4	2	1	3	4	net-link.com
Netropolis Entertainment Server	3	4	3	2	2	3	3	bbs.netropolis.be
Networks Online Service	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	nworks.com
New Power BBS, Inc	3	4	3	2	2	3	4	Newpower.com
New York MatchMaker Pen-Pal Network	0	4	0	2	2	4	1	newyork.email.net
The Nexus Entertainment System	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	bbs.nexes.com
NFE BBS (Naperville File Exchange)	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	nfebbs.nfe.com
1990 MultiLine BBS	0	0	5	4	3	3	3	bbs.multiline.com.au
1990 MultiLine Games Machine	4	4	0	0	0	3	1	games.multiline.com.au
Nite Hawk Information Service	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	nitehawkis.com



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NiteLife—The No-Skanks Adult Graphical BBS	0	0	4	0	1	3	2	nite.intermac.com 3004
Nitelog BBS	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	165.227.94.25
North*Star BBS	2	3	4	2	1	3	3	norcom.mb.ca
NTIS FedWorld	0	0	4	4	5	4	3	fedworld.gov
The Nucleus	4	3	3	2	1	3	3	atom.com
Nucleus Information Service	3	4	3	2	1	4	3	nis.nucleus.com
Nurse Net Nederland	0	0	3	3	4	2	2	bbs.nursing.nl
Odyssey Online	2	4	3	3	1	4	4	odyssey.ody.com
On-Line Entertainment	4	1	2	2	3	3	4	connect.on-line.co.uk
One Crossroads Place BBS— Kansas City Mail Online	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	kcmo.com
1USA.COM	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	1usa.com
Onix BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	onix.com
Online Data Systems	4	3	3	0	1	3	3	ods.ods.net
Online Illusions	3	2	3	2	1	3	3	lusions.com
OnLine Now	2	2	4	4	1	3	3	oln.com
Online Orlando	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	oo.com
The Online Pitstop (Top.Net)	0	0	3	3	1	2	4	top.net
ONline Welcome	2	1	3	5	3	3	3	bbs.onwe.co.za
The Oracle BBS	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	oraclebbs.com
The Orion BBS	4	3	2	1	1	3	3	orionsys.com
OS/2 Shareware BBS	0	1	4	3	4	3	2	bbs.os2bbs.com
The Oubliette	0	0	3	3	3	3	1	n/a
The Outer Limits Online	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	outerlimits.net
The Outpost	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	pclogiconline.com
"OVER the EDGE!!" Adult Online	2	3	4	2	2	4	2	198.30.29.61
Pacifier Online Data Service (P.O.D.S.)	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	Pods.pacifier.com
Paradise Play Line BBS	3	3	3	2	1	4	3	pplnet.com
Paragon Online	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	pgos.com
Party Line Entertainment	3	4	1	1	1	4	4	bbs.party.com
Party Line Entertainment Network	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	partyline.net
The Patchbay BBS	0	0	4	2	2	3	2	patchbay.com

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Pennsylvania Online!	2	1	4	4	1	3	4	paonline.com
Phantasy BBS	4	4	2	2	1	4	3	phantasy.com
West Michigan Online	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	wmol.com
Pics On-Line BBS	1	1	4	3	1	3	2	bbs.pics.com
Pink's Place BBS	2	3	3	3	1	3	4	pnx.com
Pixelation Data Services	4	3	2	2	1	3	3	pixelation.com
PlayPenBBS (DE)	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	ppbbs.com
Point Blank BBS	3	4	3	2	1	5	3	pointblank.com
The Power Exchange	3	5	2	2	2	5	3	tpe.com
PreRapture BBS	0	0	3	3	3	2	1	prime.org
The PressRoom	0	1	3	3	4	3	3	pressroom.com
Principle of Obscurity BBS	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	obscurity.pd.mcs.net
PrinterNet	0	0	3	3	5	3	2	printer-net.com
Prism BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	4	prism.com
The Property Line	0	0	3	3	4	3	3	wg.proline.com
Prostar Plus Information Network	3	4	4	2	3	3	3	prostar.com
Proton Palace	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	proton.com
Public Data Network	2	4	2	4	2	2	3	bbs.chatlink.com
Pure Energy BBS	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	pure-energy.com
Radio Wave	0	0	3	4	3	3	4	radiowave.com
The Readiness Operation BBS	0	0	3	3	5	3	3	trobb.com
Realm of Legends	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	legends.net
Rippers BBS	4	3	2	2	3	4	3	rippers.com
River Styx BBS	4	3	3	2	1	3	3	riverstyx.com
Rock Garden	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	garden.hvs.com
The Rock Pile	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	rockpile.com
Rose City Online	2	4	4	4	1	4	3	rosey.com
Rusty-N-Edie's BBS	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	rne.com
The Ruthless Gameboard	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	Ruthless.com
S & H Computer Systems BBS	0	1	2	2	3	2	1	sandh.com
S-TEK Gay and Lesbian BBS in Montreal	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	stek.com
Sacramento Exchange BBS	4	4	3	2	3	3	4	iccse.com
Santa Fe Online	0	2	3	2	5	3	2	sfol.com



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Secret Services Limited BBS	0	0	3	3	4	3	2	n/a
ShareWare South	1	0	3	4	1	3	3	155.229.85.5
Sim-Net Online Services	5	2	3	1	1	3	3	205.158.35.3
SIO Support BBS	0	0	2	2	3	2	1	199.248.240.2
Skyway BBS	2	3	3	3	1	3	4	skywaybbs.com
SM Board	0	3	3	2	2	3	2	telcen.com
Social Misfits—yabbs	0	3	2	3	3	2	2	yabbs.phred.org
Software Connection Online	2	1	4	3	1	2	3	sco.softconn.co.za
Software Creations	2	1	5	3	3	3	3	swcbbs.com
Someplace to Start	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	s2s.com
SonCrest BBS	0	3	0	3	3	2	1	soncrest.giant.net
The Sorcery Board BBS	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	warp1.weschke.com
South Shore Secrets BBS	0	3	3	2	1	3	2	206.113.0.3
Southern California On-Ramp	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	socalonramp.com
Southern Star BBS	0	2	4	4	2	3	3	sstar.com
The Spa!	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	the-spa.com
Space BBS	0	0	4	3	3	3	3	bbs.spacebbs.com
SPACECON/BraveHeart	0	2	3	3	4	3	2	spacecon.ids.net
WILDCAT 5 BBS								
The Spring Guide	1	3	1	5	3	4	3	spring.com
The Squirrel's Nest	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	nak.com
Star Trek BBS	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	pc23-c801.uibk.ac.at
Starsys Online	4	3	2	2	1	3	3	starsysfw.com
Steve Dahl's BBS	0	0	2	3	3	3	1	n/a
Sugar River Valley BBS	3	2	2	3	1	3	4	206.183.143.3
Sunset Ranch Online Services	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	ranchnet.com
SuPaCom	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	supacom.brisnet.org.au
Superlink	1	2	2	2	1	3	4	bbs.superlink.net
Surfboard!	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	surfbbs.com
SVIS	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	svis.org
Synergy Entertainment Network (SEN)	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	sen.com
Sysop News BBS	0	1	3	3	5	3	2	sysop.com
T-8000 Information Systems	1	2	4	3	2	2	4	t8000.com

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TechNet BBS	3	3	4	2	1	4	3	tnbbs.com
Thanatos BBS	0	2	0	4	2	3	1	a26.cc.umist.ac.uk
TnT Online	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	TnTonline.com
Toledo's TBBS	2	2	3	2	3	3	4	toltbbs.com
Trader's Connection (TCON)	3	3	4	3	5	3	4	trader.com
Tri-State Digital Imaging BBS	1	3	4	3	1	3	3	tsdi.com
TRIBnet	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	199.2.128.3
Trilogy On-Line Service	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	trilogy.net
TVOntario OnLine	0	3	1	3	3	3	2	fc.tvto.org
The Ultimate Connection	3	3	4	2	1	3	3	freebbs.com
The UPS Depot	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	depot.org
Urbanite BBS	3	4	2	3	1	4	3	bbs.urbanite.com
Vail OnLine	0	1	3	2	5	3	2	vailonline.vailnet.org
Vortex	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	vortex.greycat.com
Vortex Graphics	0	0	4	0	0	4	2	Vortex.mortimer.com
Voyager Infotainment	3	3	2	2	1	3	4	voyager.com
The Warehouse	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	bbs.twh.com
The WELL	2	3	2	5	3	5	3	well.com
The Wild Onion! BBS	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	onion.syn.net
WildCard Online	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	wce.com
WildChild Photo BBS	0	0	3	2	3	3	2	wildchild.com
Window Shopper	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	n/a
Windows OnLine	1	1	4	2	4	3	3	WOL.COM
The Wizard's Realm BBS	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	wizrealm.com
World Data Network BBS	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	wdn.com
WorldCHAT BBS	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	bbs.wchat.on.ca
WorldClub Online	1	2	3	2	4	3	3	wcb.com
Worldnet Ohio	5	4	3	2	1	4	3	worldnetoh.com
Worldport Online	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	bbs.wport.com
WORLDVIEW BBS	0	1	3	3	3	3	4	worldview-bbs.com
The Worm Hole	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	206.42.219.18
Wyld On-Line	3	3	4	3	1	3	1	wyld.com
Zeitgeist Bulletin Board	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	bbs.zgnews.com
The Zoo BBS	1	3	3	2	1	3	3	zoo-bbs.com





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### *Internet BBSs by location*

BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>AK</b>			
Lunatic's Asylum	Anchorage	907.274.8645	lunatic.ak.net
<b>AL</b>			
Huntsville & The Tennessee Valley On-Line	Huntsville	205.890.0280	www.huntshome.com
<b>AZ</b>			
Arizona InterActive Systems		602.951.8379	azi.com
Rippers BBS	Mohave Valley	520.768.7515	rippers.com
Illusions II (adult's only)	Phoenix	602.433.1771	bbs.ilsoft.com
Rock Garden	Phoenix	602.234.3737	garden.hvs.com
The Fire House Inn	Tucson		fhouse.org
Future Frontier	Tucson	520.323.2886	fft.com
<b>CA</b>			
Dental-X-Change		714.551.8451	odont.com
Dreamscape Entertainment Service		604.739.3764	dscape.cyberstore.com
IPlay On-Line			ipplay.interplay.com



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
CA (continued)			
Nasty Playmates		407.374.2627	np1.com
Liberty BBS	Anaheim	213.732.2300	liberty.com
National Modem Pool	Anaheim	213.732.2300	nmp.net
Anaheim Hills Online	Anaheim Hills		aho.com
FSU BBS	Anaheim Hills	714.279.1140	fsubbs.com
Community Access BBS	Antioch	510.679.8858	CAbbs.com
The Motherboard	Arcadia	818.815.4088	motherboard.com
GaiaNet BBS	Beverly Hills	310.724.8965	bbs.gaianet.net
Voyager Infotainment	Beverly Hills	310.854.6183	voyager.com
CyberKorea	Cerritos	310.926.1899	cyberkorea.com
WORLDVIEW BBS	Concord	510.676.2919	worldview-bbs.com
Entertainment and Consumers Network	Culver City	301.204.6007	ecn.ecn.com
Miller's Party Board	Culver City	310.815.0117	mpb.com
Interludes Online	Cypress	714.828.7093	bbs.hwsys.com
Windows OnLine	Danville	510.736.8343	WOL.COM
Iris BBS	Davis	916.759.0500	iris.mother.com
The Graphics Alternative	El Cerrito	510.524.2780	tgax.com
The File Bank BBS	Fallbrook	619.728.4318	bbs.tfb.com
Atlas BBS	Gilroy	408.847.5202	gilroy.com
BitNova	Hayward	510.581.0600	bitnova.com
Prism BBS	Lake Forest		prism.com
California BBS	Lompoc	805.733.7131	calbbs.com
Urbanite BBS	Los Altos	415.528.6602	bbs.urbanite.com
CYBERSPACE HQ	Los Angeles	818.709.8492	cyberhq.com
The Downtown BBS	Los Angeles	213.484.0260	dwntwn.com
France Online	Los Angeles	310.441.7280	france.com
KBBS Los Angeles	Los Angeles	818.886.0872	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
SM Board	Los Angeles	213.623.4732	telcen.com
Net-link Online	Marin County	415.456.4567	net-link.com
Nitelog BBS	Marina	408.655.1096	165.227.94.25
Space BBS	Menlo Park	415.323.4398	bbs.spacebbs.com
Deltronix Online	Mission Viejo	714.837.3218	deltronix.com
Odyssey Online	Monrovia	818.358.6968	odyssey.ody.com

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CA (continued)			
Eden BBS	Newport Beach	714.548.1900	edenbbs.com
The Alliance BBS	Oak View	805.649.9509	alliancebbs.com
Global InfoNet	Oakland		california.com
The Readiness Operation BBS	Oakland	510.547.0598	trobb.com
Fly by Knight, Ltd. BBS	Oceanside	619.754.0129	fbkltd.com
INTERACT	Palo Alto	415.961.6911	diversion.com
MCM III BBS at Legal Recourse	Palo Alto	415.856.2820	legal.com
The LabyrinthOnline	Pasadena	818.449.0804	labyrin.com
The Patchbay BBS	Pasadena	818.683.0627	patchbay.com
Adventure Connection	Redwood City	415.365.2898	advconn.com
ECTech—BBS Excellence	Riverside	909.780.5175	bbs.microsys.net
The French Connection BBS	Riverside	909.361.0186	206.170.76.1
Sacramento Exchange BBS	Sacramento	916.721.7161	iccse.com
Vortex	Sacramento	916.332.7141	vortex.greycat.com
The Global Blind Exchange (GBX)	Sacramento	916.568.6359	gbx.org
Anarchy-X	San Diego	619-264-8685	bbs.ax.com
Dreamscape BBS	San Francisco	315.458.3482	future.dreamscape.com
DSP Information & Entertainment	San Francisco	510.865.9778	bbs.dsp.com
Love Bytes	San Francisco	415.383.2983	bytenet.com
The WELL	San Francisco		well.com
Atlantis BBS	San Jose	408.377.8510	atlantis-bbs.com
The Gnome's Guest House	San Jose	408.882.0777	gnomes.org
The Holodeck BBS	San Jose	408.261.1313	wwcomm.com
Sim-Net Online Services	San Jose	408.295.4263	205.158.35.3
The CyberDen	San Rafael	415.472.5527	cyberden.com
LOIS: the Link Online in Santa Maria	Santa Maria	805.928.6969	lois.org
Auto/BrokerNet	Sherman Oaks	818.788.3260	bbs.autobroker.net
Southern California On-Ramp	Simi Valley	805.520.0477	socalonramp.com
Hotel California	Southern CA	310.407.1300	Kincyb.com
AEROSAT BBS	Sunnyvale		nt.pacx.com
ACE InfoSystems	Tracy	209.833.0291	aceinfo.com
The Annex!	Van Nuys	818.779.5600	annex.com
Designlink	Walnut Creek	415.241.9927	designlink.com



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>CO</b>			
Boardwatch Magazine BBS		303.973.4222	boardwatch.com
The Male Box BBS		719.637.0532	tmb-bbs.com
eSoft Support and Demo BBS	Aurora	303.699.8222	esoft.com
Liquid Sky BBS	Boulder	303.443.1692	liquidsky.com
Denver Exchange	Denver	303.458.1227	bbs.tde.com
EZLink Internet Access	Fort Collins		ezlink.com
Vail OnLine	Vail	970.479.9571	vailonline.vailnet.org
<b>CT</b>			
The Oracle BBS	Ellington	860.875.3307	oraclebbs.com
Networks Online Service	Wetherfield	860.257.9906	nworks.com
<b>DC</b>			
Capital City Cyberlink	Washington	202.635.1755	DClink.com
Crystal Quill	Washington	703.241.7100	cq.cqi.com
Doctor's Office BBS / Falken Support BBS	Washington	703.734.2860	docs.dgsys.com
The Power Exchange	Washington	703.749.9150	tpe.com
<b>DE</b>			
Digital World	Hockessin	302.234.6760	dgtlwrl.com
PlayPenBBS (DE)	Magnolia	302.697.3744	ppbbs.com
Delaware Online!	Wilmington	302.762.2003	dol.net
<b>FL</b>			
Logic Circuit			Logicom.com
AdeptXBBS	Boca Raton	407.477.6310	adeptsoft.gate.net
New Power BBS, Inc	Boca Raton	407.750.7665	Newpower.com
High Society	Fort Lauderdale	305.473.5525	hs.wisenet.com
The Nucleus	Ft. Walton Beach	904.863.2290	atom.com
Data Highway	Ft. Lauderdale	305.797.9841	dth.com
The Floating Pancreas BBS	Ft. Lauderdale		pancreas.com
Galacticomm DEMO System	Ft. Lauderdale	305.583.7808	gcomm.com
TnT Online	Ft. Meyers	813.337.5999	TnTonline.com
Astro Online Services	Ft. Myers	941.939.3009	astonline.com
Dragon Keep International	Gainesville	904.374.3500	dkeep.com
Online Illusions	Melbourne	407.722.5020	lusions.com

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>FL (continued)</b>			
SPACECON/BraveHeart WILDCAT 5 BBS	Merritt Island	407.453.5393	spacecon.ids.net
Abuse! Online	Miami	305.365.1549	ABUSEME.COM
The Fetish Network BBS	Miami	305.370.7007	fetish.wisenet.com
Ground Zero BBS	New Port Richey	813.849.4034	gzero.com
Harbor Breeze 95! BBS	Oldsmar	813.855.7596	harborbreeze.com
Cybercat Online	Orlando	407.298.5830	cycat.com
Infinite Space Online	Orlando	407.856.0021	genesis.ispace.com
infoNet Bulletin Board System	Pinellas Park	813.541.4636	infousa.com
Realm of Legends	Plantation	954.473.6767	legends.net
Close Encounters Adult	St. Petersburg	813.528.8294	Close.packet.net
Cybercup Internet Coffeehouse	Tampa	813.988.2816	cybercup.com
Online Orlando	Winter Park	407.292.2970	oo.com
<b>GA</b>			
Independence Online!	Atlanta	770.435.9822	inde.com
The INDEX System	Atlanta	404.924.8472	index.com
ShareWare South	Decatur	404.370.0736	155.229.85.5
WildCard Online	Savannah	912.236.0083	wce.com
The Atlanta Windows BBS	Woodstock	404.516.0048	bbs.atlwin.com
<b>HI</b>			
Interact! BBS	Honolulu	808.593.8279	bbs.ohana.com
<b>IA</b>			
CedarNet Online	Cedar Rapids	319.396.0817	bbs.cedarnet.com
SonCrest BBS	Iowa City		soncrest.giant.net
<b>ID</b>			
After Hourz BBS	Boise	208.345.6121	ahbqs.com
Idaho Interactive	Boise	208.345.4987	idibbs.com
<b>IL</b>			
Cloud City		708.540.6270	cloud.com
Metro Slave Online BBS		708.986.0294	metroslave.com
DataQuest BBS	Champaign	217.359.0436	dqbbs.com
Amateur Erotica BBS of Chicago	Chicago	312.849.0077	205.164.6.169
Aquila BBS	Chicago	708.820.8344	aquila.com
Chicago Internet MatchMaker	Chicago		chicago.email.net

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>IL (continued)</b>			
Compu-Erotica	Chicago	312.902.3599	cebbs.com
Emergency BBS On-Line Services	Chicago	312.631.3467	emergency.com
Principle of Obscurity BBS	Chicago	312.847.1853	obscurity.pd.mcs.net
Skyway BBS	Chicago	312.274.9982	skywaybbs.com
Steve Dahl's BBS	Chicago		
The Wild Onion! BBS	Chicago	708.993.0461	onion.syn.net
The Zoo BBS	Chicago	312.743.9791	zoo-bbs.com
Christian Internet MatchMaker	Christian		christian.email.net
Critical Mass Online	Darien	708.910.5185	Thecatacomb.com
CybaLink BBS Internet Services	DuQuoin	618.542.8106	gw.cybalink.com
MPI Online Services	Elgin	708.428.6125	bbs.mpi-net.com
The Squirrel's Nest	Marseilles	815.795.3533	nak.com
The Ultimate Connection	Mt. Pulaski	217.792.3663	freebbs.com
Familytown Online	New Lenox	815.462.1387	familytown.com
<b>IN</b>			
Courier Online	Evansville	812.424.1099	col.evansville.net
Castle Holt BBS	Indianapolis	317.571.1980	castleholt.com
Trader's Connection (TCON)	Indianapolis	800.386.8266	trader.com
Cyberdelic BBS	Lafayette	317.742.4426	johnson.cioe.com
NFE BBS (Naperville File Exchange)	Lafayette	317.447.9653	nfebbs.nfe.com
Absolute Connection	New Palestine		a-c.in.net
The Behavioral Health Network	Terre Haute	812.232.4089	behavnet.com
<b>KS</b>			
Access One Online Services	Abilene	913.587.7282	access-one.com
Club Met	Overland Park	913.832.0041	clubmet.com
Sysop News BBS	Topeka	913.478.9239	sysop.com
CONNECTIONs BBS	Wichita	316.682.7346	chaos.connect-bbs.com
Elysian Fields	Wichita	316.267.5125	castle.elysian.net
<b>LA</b>			
The Big Easy	New Orleans	504.821.2700	bigeasy.com
Exotcomm BBS	New Orleans		bbs.exotcomm.com
The Oubliette	New Orleans		
Southern Star BBS	New Orleans	504.885.5928	sstar.com



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>MA</b>			
COWZ	Boston	617.269.8696	cow.net
South Shore Secrets BBS	Boston	617.383.2789	206.113.0.3
Bound for Pleasure BBS	Cambridge	617.374.9255	bfp.com
CHANNEL 1 (R)	Cambridge	617.349.1300	bbs.channel1.com
CCS World	Cape Cod, Mashpee	508.477.8211	ccsnet.com
Software Creations	Clinton	508.368.7036	swcbbs.com
The Elevator	Greenfield	413.773.0436	elevator-bbs.com
Boston Dungeon Society	Malden	617.397.8844	bdsbbs.com
Community Online	Millbury	508.865.7234	chamber. worcester.ma.us
The Adult Hangout bbs	Plymouth	508.746.6010	adult-hangout.com
Atomic Dog BBS	Stoneham	617.279.3561	atomicdog.com
FOUR.net	Wareham	508.291.1774	FOUR.net
<b>MD</b>			
The Property Line	Baltimore	410.684.3400	wg.proline.com
Magnus Online	Bel Air	410.893.4786	online.magnus1.com
Kompleat Internet Services, LLC	Frederick	301.473.7110	bbs.kis.net
WorldClub Online	Ft. Washington	301.203.0281	wcb.com
Hafa Adai Exchange & BBS Networks	Lexington Park	301.863.6920	bbsnets.com
TechNet BBS	Rockville	301.838.5454	tnbbs.com
<b>ME</b>			
The Kobayashi Alternative BBS	Auburn	207.784.2130	tka.com
mixBBS	Bar Mills	207.929.1995	mixbbs.commdesign.com
<b>MI</b>			
GREX (tn)	Ann Arbor	313.761.3000	cyberspace.org
HAL 9000 BBS	Ann Arbor	313.663.4173	HAL9K.COM
IACC ONLINE BBS	Ann Arbor	313.763.7225	iacc.housing.umich.edu
CRIS (Concentric Research Corp)	Bay City	800.991.4227	cris.com
Edward Lowe Foundation BBS	Cassopolis	616.445.4342	bbs.lowe.org
Gateway Online	Detroit	313.291.6661	bbs.gatecom.com
The Worm Hole	Flint	810.767.2812	206.42.219.18
Cyberspace BBS	Grand Rapids	616.454.7800	cyberspace.grnet.com

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>MI (continued)</b>			
Grand Rapids Online	Grand Rapids	616.774.3111	gronline.alliance.net
Infinity Online	Grand Rapids	616.957.2007	ionline.com
The Ruthless Gameboard	Haslett	517.339.3410	Ruthless.com
West Michigan Online	Holland	616.392.8175	wmol.com
Macatawa Multi-line	Holland	616.399.7568	bbs.macatawa.com
(I)ndustry BBS	Mt. Clemens	810.783.0150	industry-dm.com
Alien's SpaceShip BBS	Traverse City	616.275.7000	aliens.com
<b>MN</b>			
The City Lights	Arden Hills	612.639.8969	tclbbs.com
Aquarius BBS	Fridley	612.574.0496	bbs.goldengate.net
Auggie BBS	Minneapolis		bbs.augsburg.edu
The Warehouse	Minneapolis	612.379.8272	bbs.twh.com
<b>MO</b>			
One Crossroads Place BBS	Kansas City	913.663.1100	kcmo.com
ChatMaster BBS	Springfield	417.886.2737	cmaster.com
Electric City BBS	St Louis	314.353.8771	i1.net
The Grotto of Dreams	St. Louis	314.731.5100	thegrotto.com
Party Line Entertainment Network	St. Louis	314.845.7937	partyline.net
Someplace to Start	St. Louis	314.230.6085	s2s.com
<b>MS</b>			
Connections! BBS of Southern Hospitality	Columbus	601.329.3247	msmatch.com
The HURRICANE	Gulfport	601.832.8589	diversicomm.com
Paragon Online	Luka	601.427.9227	pgos.com
NC			
PreRapture BBS	Durham	919.286.2100	prime.org
Carolina Online	Lumberton	910.671.0352	nconline.com
Party Line Entertainment	Raleigh	919.846.1382	bbs.party.com
NandoNet	Raliegh		camelot.nando.net
deltaComm Online	Research Triangle Park	919.481.9399	delta.com
Digital Velocity BBS	Research Triangle Park	919.992.3059	bbs.dv.nortel.net
PrinterNet	Winston—Salem	910.767.2622	printer-net.com

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NE			
The Online Pitstop (Top.Net)	Bellevue	402.293.0384	top.net
The Endless Forest	Omaha	402.390.2638	forest.novia.net
Wyld On-Line	Omaha	402.556.4407	wyld.com
NH			
EveryBaudys Online	Manchester	603.668.2983	grolen.com
Sugar River Valley BBS	Newport	603.863.5731	206.183.143.3
NJ			
Superlink		908.828.0999	bbs.superlink.net
Pics On-Line BBS	Atco	609.753.2540	bbs.pics.com
Agora Online	Bayonne	201.437.4355	bbs.agoron.com
Starsys Online	Bellmawr	609.933.0657	starsysfw.com
The Laser Connection	Bergenfield	201.439.1555	laser.trilogy.net
Trilogy On-Line Service	Bergenfield	201.439.1468	trilogy.net
The Sorcery Board BBS	Bridgewater	908.722.2231	warp1.weschke.com
Radio Wave	Delran	609.764.0812	radiowave.com
Cyber Warrior Network	Fair Lawn	201.703.2500	outland.cyberwar.com
CyberCity USA	Hamilton Square	609.890.6347	cybercityusa.com
CSI Online	Jersey Shore		csionline.com
The English Palace BBS	Keyport	908.739.1755	palace.com
The Electric Cafe BBS!	Long Branch	908.222.3848	cafebbs.com
The Hot Spot BBS	Long Branch	908.571.4666	bbs.hspot.com
Isle-Net	Middletown	908.495.6996	islenet.com
Beach House	Ocean City	609.390.3633	asi.algorithms.com
The Rock Pile	Ridgefield	201.941.7778	rockpile.com
The Jungle BBS	Rockaway	201.694.5081	Jungle.net
Cyber/Chat!	Toms River	908.506.0610	bbs.cybercom.com
Afterimage Information Matrix (A.I.M.)	Whippany	201.887.2020	aim.novasys.com
NM			
Albuquerque ROS	Albuquerque	505.296.3000	abq-ros.com
DataSafe Publications BBS	New Mexico	505.294.1575	dsafe.com
THE GaRBaGe DuMP BBS	Albuquerque	05.294.6260	dump.com
The Wizard's Realm BBS	Albuquerque		wizrealm.com
Santa Fe Online	Santa Fe	505.988.9662	sfol.com



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
NV			
Access Nevada			spillway.accessnv.com
Multi-Comm Las Vegas	Las Vegas	702.362.9224	mcomm.mclv.net
NY			
AECNET		516.757.9300	aecnet.com
Eye Contact BBS		415.703.8200	bbs.eyecon.com
Pure Energy BBS	Bronx	718.828.0375	pure-energy.com
AppleWize OnLine	Bronxville	914.793.5060	applewize.com
GRAFIX	East Setauket	516.689.2853	grafix.com
Lifestyle Online	East Setauket	516.689.5390	lifestyle.com
The Male Forum	East Setauket	516.689.0286	mforum.com
Innovations BBS	Forest Hills	718.575.2914	innonyc.com
First Impressions BBS	Hauppauge	516.234.4446	bbs.firstimpress.com
Modem Madness	Jamestown	716.483.2851	madbbs.com
EZNet	Long Island	516.354.5353	eznetny.com
Metro Online BBS	Long Island		nycmetro.com
Point Blank BBS	Long Island	516.393.7500	pointblank.com
Alice's Restaurant	Merrick	516.868.5683	alices.com
ExecNet Information Systems	Mount Vernon	914.667.4567	execnet.com
The Computerized AIDS Ministries Network	New York	212.222.2135	hwbbs.gbgbm-umc.org
Escape	New York	212.888.8212	Escape.com
The Invention Factory BBS	New York	212.274.8110	factory.com
NiteLife—The No-Skanks Adult Graphical BBS	New York	212.740.8235	nite.intermac.com 3004
The Outer Limits Online	Plainview	516.753.1960	outerlimits.net
HeartBeat BBS	Rochester	716.756.4444	heartbeat.org
Multicom-4 BBS Network	Rochester	716.473.4070	multicom.org
NeoNexus Systems	Rochester	716.624.8106	bbs.neonexus.com
Surfboard!	Rochester	716.271.5538	surfbbs.com
The Dirty Hacker BBS	Rock Hill	914.796.4566	205.161.119.237
America's Suggestion Box	Ronkonkoma	516.433.3521	asb.com
New York MatchMaker	Smithtown	516.265.3119	newyork.email.net
Pen-Pal Network			
Hamptons Online: life on a virtual beach	Southampton	516.283.1114	hamptons.com

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>NY (continued)</b>			
Mnematics Videotex	Sparkill	914.365.0180	vtx.mne.com
Lori's Toy Store	W.Babylon	516.756.1769	lorst.com
<b>OH</b>			
The Canton Connection BBS	Canton	216.455.3848	tccbbs.com
Cinci-Net	Cincinnati	513.779.2217	cinci.net
Cincinnati Multi-Player Connection BBS	Cincinnati	513.825.7900	cinmpc.com
MultiSystem Information Service	Cincinnati	513.231.7013	multisystem.com
Worldnet Ohio	Cleveland	216.283.0494	worldnetoh.com
Columbus Online	Columbus	614.785.4025	cols.com
Empty Spaces BBS / ElekSys Internet	Columbus	216.236.6669	bbs.empty.com
"OVER the EDGE!!" Adult Online	Columbus	614.444.4469	198.30.29.61
The Spa!	Springfield	413.536.4356	the-spa.com
Toledo's TBBS	Toledo		toltbbs.com
Tri-State Digital Imaging BBS	Toledo	419.241.4600	tsdi.com
Rusty-N-Edie's BBS	Youngstown	330.726.2620	rne.com
OK			
IntheNet OLS and Virtual Marketplace	Norman	405.447.1121	inthenet.com
Believers BBS	Tulsa	918.488.8427	believers.org
Black Gold BBS	Tulsa	918.272.7779	bgbbs.com
Excalibur Headquarters BBS	Tulsa	918.496.8113	@excaliburbbs.excalbbs.com
<b>OR</b>			
Public Data Network		503.476.6578	bbs.chatlink.com
Blitzkrieg Information BBS	Corvallis	503.758.5448	blitzinfo.com
The Henson House	Florence	541.997.1226	206.100.165.80
CyBER HoUSE	Grants Pass	541.471.2209	cyberhouse.org
Del's Place BBS	Oregon City	503.655.1335	delsplace.com
Disk Jockey Online	Portland	503.636.4947	djo.com
Rose City Online	Portland	503.251.6969	rosey.com
FireBurners BBS Online	Toledo	541.336.4538	bbs.fbo.com

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<b>PA</b>			
Magic Bus	Fort Washington	215.643.8275	magicbus.com
Pennsylvania Online!	Harrisburg	717.657.8699	paonline.com
DSC BBS / Voicenet	Ivy	215.443.7390	dsc.voicenet.com
The Flower Link BBS	Lebanon	717.270.2964	flowerlink.com
Cyberspace7 BBS	Leighton		cyberspace7.ptd.net
A Clockwork Online	Philadelphia	215.546.7088	clockwork.com
Delaware Valley On Line	Philadelphia	610.259.2034	dvol.com
MiSTiCA	Philadelphia	215.934.6990	mistica.com
Onix BBS	Philadelphia	215.883.1900	onix.com
Bargain Board	Pittsburgh	412.341.3602	Bargainbd.com
Social Misfits—yabbs	Pittsburgh		yabbs.phred.org
1USA.COM	Reading	610.678.8887	1usa.com
Endless Mountain CyberSPACE	Tunkhannock	717.836.7267	emcyber.com
The Outpost	West Chester	610.918.9302	pclogiconline.com
Cyberia	York	717.848.1666	cyberia.com
<b>PR</b>			
MATRiX de Puerto Rico	Carolina	809.768.5020	MATRIX-PR.COM
CyberNet Online	Hato Rey	787.250.6462	cynol.com
File Gallery Online Service	Rio Piedras	787.283.1090	fgallery.com
<b>RI</b>			
Meeting House BBS	Newport	401.848.2200	tmh.bbsnet.com
<b>SC</b>			
Custom Computers BBS	Anderson	864.375.0074	ccdbbs.com
ConXtion	Columbia	803.772.4624	ConXtion.Com
CyberLynx	Columbia	803.254.8553	clynx.com
Secret Services Limited BBS	Columbia	803.749.2967	n/a
Carolina Chat, Inc.	Ladson	803.875.2428	carolina-chat.com
<b>SD</b>			
Information Highway On-Ramp	Sioux Falls	605.335.7253	on-ramp.com
<b>TN</b>			
S & H Computer Systems BBS		615.320.1820	sandh.com
The Knoxville News-Sentinel KnoxLink	Knoxville	423.673.2077	online.knoxnews.com
Pixelation Data Services	Nashville	615.503.9903	pixelation.com



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
TX			
Sunset Ranch Online Services	Abilene	915.3695.0081	ranchnet.com
Austin Clubhouse BBS	Austin	512.302.0675	club.fc.net
The Eyes of Time BBS	Austin	512.371.7177	eyesoftime.com
LaserBase Communications	Austin	512.441.5701	laserbase.com
The Spring Guide	Austin	512.302.4000	spring.com
WildChild Photo BBS	Austin		wildchild.com
Dallas/Fort Worth MatchMaker Pen-Pal	Bedford	817.355.6600	dallas.email.net
River Styx BBS	Dallas	214.664.1360	riverstyx.com
Chrysalis Online Services	Dallas/Ft Worth	214.690.9295	chrysalis.org
Argus Online	Dallas/Ft Worth	214.434.4029	argusbbs.com
Alternate LifeStyles Internet MatchMaker	Dallas/Ft Worth	817.355.6600	alt.email.net
Paradise Play Line BBS	Houston	713.597.4000	pplnet.com
The Brewers' Witch BBS	Houston	713.272.7350	brewich.com
Helix	Houston	713.998.5600	helix.xiii.com
Anarchy Online	Mesquite	214.289.8328	anarchy-online.com
Pink's Place BBS	Orange	409.883.4049	pnx.com
NET Online	Paris	903.739.2434	neto.com
Zeitgeist Bulletin Board	Plano	214.403.9406	bbs.zgnews.com
COMM Port OS/2	Sugar Hill	713.980.9671	juge.com
UT			
The FastLane BBS	Kaysville	801.544.0257	flbbs.com
VA			
AOP BBS		703.264.1750	aop.org
Abingdon Online	Abingdon	540.676.1189	abol.com
Infinite Data Source On-Line Service	Alexandria	703.642.8801	bbs.idsonline.com
DSIT online	Centreville	703.818.3124	online.dsit.com
Adult Fantasy BBS	Fairfax	703.359.2911	ADF.COM
DC Tavern	Fairfax	703.591.9419	dracos.net
OS/2 Shareware BBS	Fairfax	703.385.4325	bbs.os2bbs.com
Diamond Mine BBS	Fredericksburg	540.898.9114	diamond.interserf.net
The Alamo BBS	Merrifield/Fairfax	703.934.4461	the.alamo.com
World Data Network BBS	Reston	703.620.8900	wdn.com

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
VA (continued)			
The Doll House BBS	Springfield	703.569.8572	bbs.dhsys.net
NTIS FedWorld	Springfield	703.321.3339	fedworld.gov
The Eleventh Hour	Virginia Beach	804.460.0642	eleventh.com
Marvin	Woodbridge	703.492.9301	tycho.com
WA			
Moonflower		509.458.6052	moon.iea.com
Meme Online	Bellingham	360.647.7173	eris.nas.com
Kitsap Information Network	Port Orchard	360.769.8437	kinn.com
Great Gig in the Sky	Seattle	206.935.8486	greatgig.com
Masterpiece	Seattle	206.639.0899	masterpiece.com
Prostar Plus Information Network	Seattle		prostar.com
Worldport Online	Seattle	206.729.1057	bbs.wport.com
Eager Beaver Computers MBBS	Spokane		beaver.com
TRIBnet	Tacoma		199.2.128.3
The Orion BBS	Vancouver	360.693.5365	orionsys.com
Pacifier Online Data Service (P.O.D.S.)	Vancouver	360.693.0325	pods.pacifier.com
WI			
The UPS Depot	Green Bay	414.339.9377	depot.org
Full Access BBS	Janesville	608.755.9587	fab.bossnt.com
CyberZone Online	Marinette	715.735.3742	cybrzn.com
MariNet, Inc.	Marinette	715.732.1036	mrnet.com
Online Data Systems	Milwaukee	414.546.7900	ods.ods.net
Phantasy BBS	Milwaukee	414.290.1933	phantasy.com
Synergy Entertainment Network (SEN)	Milwaukee	414.486.2400	sen.com
ExecPC	New Berlin	414.789.4210	bbs.execpc.com
The Crystal Barrier	Sheboygan	414.457.8399	bbs.tcbi.com
Christian Pursuit—The Fellowship Network	Waukesha	414.896.2660	cpursuit.com
WV			
SVIS	Shinnston	1.800.SOFT.VAL	svis.org

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>Australia</b>			
Cyberlink	Ballarat, Victoria	+61.53.36.2775	lin.cbl.com.au
Window Shopper	Gold Coast, Queensland	+61.7.55320355	
1990 MultiLine BBS	Perth	+61.9.370-3333	bbs.multiline.com.au
1990 MultiLine Games Machine	Perth	+61.9.370-1333	games.multiline.com.au
SuPaCom	Brisbane	+61.7.3890.1844	supacom.brisnet.org.au
Closer To Home BBS Systems	Godwin Beach	+61.74.976.293	closer2.brisnet.org.au
Empire BBS	Melbourne	+61.3.9591.0020	empire.bbs.net.au
The Nest BBS	Melbourne	+61.3.9886.1518	netsbbs.pretech.com.au
<b>Austria</b>			
Star Trek BBS	Innsbruck		pc23-c801.uibk.ac.at
<b>Belgium</b>			
Netropolis Entertainment Server	Brussels	+32.2.646.00.88	bbs.netropolis.be
<b>Brazil</b>			
BHNET	Belo Horizonte	+55.31.281.1133	bhnet.com.br
Dialdata Systems	Sao Paulo	+55.11.8228055	bbs.dialdata.com.br
<b>Canada</b>			
WorldCHAT BBS	Burlington, Ontario	905.637.1827	bbs.wchat.on.ca
Nucleus Information Service	Calgary, Alberta	403.541.9400	nis.nucleus.com
ComputerLink Online, Inc.	Etobicoke, Ontario	416.233.5410	mbbs.compulink.com
The Connection BBS	Greater Toronto	905.882.8161	connection.com
Maloca BBS Toronto	Mississauga, Toronto	905.625.0606	bbs.maloca.com
ICA Canada On-Line Inc.	Missis- sauga, Ontario	905.276.9894	bbs.icacomp.com
Proton Palace	Ottawa, Ontario	613.829.0909	proton.com
The Game Master	Quebec		gm.gamemaster.qc.ca
North*Star BBS	Thompson Manitoba	204.677.7373	norcom.mb.ca
TVOntario OnLine	Toronto	416.484.2610	fc.tvo.org
Chatline BBS	Calgary	403.299.0180	bbs.comfo.ca
Farm Information Services	Calgary	403.290.4868	fis.awp.com
Mainline Information Service	Calgary	403.247.8422	mainline.ab.ca



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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>Canada (continued)</b>			
The Nexus Entertainment System	Calgary	403.569.8700	bbs.nexes.com
Nite Hawk Information Service	Calgary	403.246.3860	nitehawkis.com
T-8000 Information Systems—Since 1981	Calgary	403.246.4487	t8000.com
Malum Information Network	Edmonton	403.449.6401	malum.ab.ca
ICE Online	Burnaby	604.298.7529	icebox.iceonline.com
Vortex Graphics	Richmond	604.277.8694	Vortex.mortimer.com
Digital Rain	Vancouver	604.543.3000	digital-rain.com
Aladdin's Palace BBS	Victoria	604.370.5267	aladdin.bc.ca
Kingston Online Services	Kingston	613.544.6448	bbs.kosone.com
the FiX	Kitchener	519.745.5527	the-fix.sos.on.ca
OnLine Now	Thunder Bay	807.345.1531	oln.com
Construction OnLine	Toronto		199.166.4.9
LINQ BBS	Montreal	514.522.3866	linq.com
S-TEK Gay and Lesbian BBS in Montreal	Montreal	514.597.2409	stek.com
Cyber Space Connection	Regina	306.359.6808	bbs.cyber-conn.com
Micro City Online	Regina	306.569.2886	microcity.com
<b>Czech Republic</b>			
INFIMA BBS	Prague	+42.2.3122741	bbs.infima.cz
<b>Finland</b>			
ComPart BBS	Helsinki	90.506.3329	compart.fi
Metropoli BBS	Helsinki	+358.0.61500028	mpoli.fi
<b>Germany</b>			
Jassycal BBS	Chemnitz		jassycal.tu-chemnitz.de
MagicVillage	Hamburg	+49.40.224330	hh.magicvillage.de
<b>Italy</b>			
Catania On Line	Catania	++3995387233	ctonline.it
<b>Japan</b>			
Janis II—Tokyo	Tokyo	81.3.3252.7224	asianet.net
<b>Mexico</b>			
Jaguar BBS	Cholula, Puebla		jaguar.pue.udlap.mx
Cetys BBS	Mexicali		cetysbbs.mx1.cetys.mx

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BBS name	Location	Dial-up number	Telnet address
<b>Netherlands</b>			
HACOM BBS	Amersfoot	+31.0.33.803610	bbs.hacom.nl
EuroGate	Amsterdam	+31.20.6994763	eurogate.iit.nl
Monolith BBS	Enschede		130.89.228.12
Nurse Net Nederland	Rotterdam	+31.10.4101933	bbs.nursing.nl
<b>Norway</b>			
Mike's BBS	Oslo	+47.22.41.65.88	bbs.gar.no
<b>Poland</b>			
Maloka BBS Warsaw	Warszaw	+48.2.622.0202	bbs.maloka.waw.pl
<b>South Africa</b>			
Software Connection Online	Johannesburg	+27.11.7827129	sco.softconn.co.za
ONline WElcome	Johannesburg, Gauteng	+27.11.462.1130	bbs.onwe.co.za
Fast! BBS	Sandton, Johannesburg	+27.11.706.1749	bbs.fast.co.za
<b>Spain</b>			
ASERTEL Servicios On-line	Barcelona	+34 3 2804525	hermes.asertel.es
Hispanet	Barcelona	+34.3.223.1415	bbs.hnet.es
INTERCOM Spain	Barcelona	+34.3.5881806	intercom.es
ENCIS-NET	Valencia	+34.6.351.25.55	bbs.encis.es
GRN BBS	Girona (Catalonia)	+34 72 401747	grn.es
<b>Sweden</b>			
Arise BBS	Möln dal	270650	194.17.237.123
<b>United Kingdom</b>			
Barney's Rubble			rubble.fidouk.org
Monochrome	London		mono.org
Thanatos BBS	Manchester		a26.cc.umist.ac.uk
On-Line Entertainment	United Kingdom		connect.on-line.co.uk
Insight Media	Wigan Lancashire	+44.1942.762762	insight-media.co.uk
Christie's Internet Matchmaker			christie.email.net
Connections			connections. ultranet.com
The Electronic Universe BBS			e-universe.com
HTP Net Online			htp.com
MHVnet			mhv.net
The PressRoom			pressroom.com
SIO Support BBS			199.248.240.2





## Appendix D

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# Top-rated Internet BBSs by category

BBS name	Telnet address
Games	
5 stars	
Crystal Quill	cq.cqi.com
Dragon Keep International*	dkeep.com
ICE Online	icebox.iceonline.com
Meme Online	eris.nas.com
Sim-Net Online Services	205.158.35.3
Worldnet Ohio	worldnetoh.com
4 stars	
(I)ndustry BBS	industry-dm.com
1990 Games Machine	games.multiline.com.au
Adventure Connection	advconn.com
Alamo BBS, The	the.alamo.com
Astro Online Services	astonline.com
Atlantis BBS	atlantis-bbs.com
Cincinnati Connection BBS	cinmpc.com
Club Met	clubmet.com

\* Run by author.

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BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Games (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
CONNECTIONs BBS	chaos.connect-bbs.com
CRIS	cris.com
Cyber Warrior Network	outland.cyberwar.com
Digital Rain	digital-rain.com
Disk Jockey Online	djo.com
Endless Mountain	emcyber.com
GaiaNet BBS	bbs.gaianet.net
Game Master, The	gm.gamemaster.qc.ca
Global InfoNet	california.com
Helix	helix.xiii.com
Hot Spot BBS, The	bbs.hspot.com
HURRICANE, The	diversicomm.com
Infinite Data Source	bbs.idsonline.com
Infinite Space Online	genesis.ispace.com
Infinity Online	ionline.com
INTERACT	diversion.com
Jungle BBS, The	Jungle.net
KBBS Los Angeles	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
Kingston Online Services	bbs.kosone.com
Liberty BBS	liberty.com
Lunatic's Asylum	lunatic.ak.net
Miller's Party Board	mpb.com
MiSTiCA	mistica.com
Modem Madness	madbbs.com
MPI Online Services	bbs.mpi-net.com
Multi-Comm Las Vegas	mcomm.mclv.net
Nucleus, The	atom.com
On-Line Entertainment	connect.on-line.co.uk
Online Data Systems	ods.ods.net
Orion BBS, The	orionsys.com
Phantasy BBS	phantasy.com
Pixelation Data Services	pixelation.com
Rippers BBS	rippers.com

BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Games (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
River Styx BBS	riverstyx.com
Sacramento Exchange BBS	iccse.com
Starsys Online	starsysfw.com
Surfboard!	surfbbs.com
<b>Chat</b>	
<b>5 stars</b>	
Club Met	clubmet.com
EveryBaudys Online	grolen.com
High Society	hs.wisenet.com
Jungle BBS, The	Jungle.net
KBBS Los Angeles	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
Liberty BBS	liberty.com
Power Exchange, The	tpe.com
<b>4 stars</b>	
1990 Games Machine	games.multiline.com.au
Adventure Connection	advconn.com
Aladdin's Palace BBS	aladdin.bc.ca
Alien's SpaceShip BBS	aliens.com
Anarchy-X	bbs.ax.com
Auggie BBS	bbs.augsburg.edu
Blitzkrieg Information BBS	blitzinfo.com
Carolina Online	nconline.com
Chatline BBS	bbs.comfo.ca
ChatMaster BBS	cmaster.com
Close Encounters Adult	Close.packet.net
Compu-Erotica	cebbs.com
ComputerLink Online, Inc.	mbbs.compulink.com
CONNECTIONs BBS	chaos.connect-bbs.com
ConXtion	ConXtion.Com
COWZ	cow.net
Cyber/Chat!	bbs.cybercom.com
Cybercup Coffeehouse	cybercup.com
Dallas/Ft Worth MatchMaker	dallas.email.net



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BBS name	Telnet address
Chat (continued)	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
Del's Place BBS	delsplace.com
Eden BBS	edenbbs.com
English Palace BBS, The	palace.com
Eye Contact BBS	bbs.eyecon.com
Full Access BBS	fab.bossnt.com
GaRBaGe DuMP BBS, The	dump.com
Grotto of Dreams, The	thegrotto.com
HeartBeat BBS	heartbeat.org
Hot Spot BBS, The	bbs.hspot.com
Hotel California	Kincyb.com
Infinite Space Online	genesis.ispace.com
INTERACT	diversion.com
Interact! BBS	bbs.ohana.com
Isle-Net	islenet.com
Kompleat Internet Services	bbs.kis.net
Laser Connection, The	laser.trilogy.net
Liquid Sky BBS	liquidsky.com
Lori's Toy Store	lorst.com
Love Bytes	bytenet.com
Maloca BBS Toronto	bbs.maloca.com
Maloka BBS Warsaw	bbs.maloka.waw.pl
Metro Online BBS	nycmetro.com
Miller's Party Board	mpb.com
Multi-Comm Las Vegas	mcomm.mclv.net
Multicom-4 BBS Network	multicom.org
Nasty Playmates	np1.com
Net-link Online	net-link.com
Netropolis Entertainment	bbs.netropolis.be
New York MatchMaker	newyork.email.net
New Power BBS, Inc	Newpower.com
Nucleus Information Service	nis.nucleus.com
Odyssey Online	odyssey.ody.com
Party Line Entertainment	bbs.party.com

BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Chat (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
Phantasy BBS	phantasy.com
Point Blank BBS	pointblank.com
Prostar Plus Network	prostar.com
Public Data Network	bbs.chatlink.com
Pure Energy BBS	pure-energy.com
Rose City Online	rosey.com
Sacramento Exchange BBS	iccse.com
Trilogy On-Line Service	trilogy.net
Urbanite BBS	bbs.urbanite.com
Worldnet Ohio	worldnetoh.com
<b>Files</b>	
<b>5 stars</b>	
1990 MultiLine BBS	bbs.multiline.com.au
Abuse! Online	ABUSEME.COM
CHANNEL 1 (R)	bbs.channel1.com
Chrysalis Online Services	chrysalis.org
ExecPC	bbs.execpc.com
File Bank BBS, The	bbs.tfb.com
Hafa Adai Exchange	bbsnets.com
Infinite Data Source On-Line	bbs.idsonline.com
Janis II - Tokyo	asianet.net
Software Creations	swcbbs.com
<b>4 stars</b>	
Adult Hangout BBS, The	adult-hangout.com
AEROSAT BBS	nt.pacx.com
Aladdin's Palace BBS	aladdin.bc.ca
Amateur Erotica BBS	205.164.6.169
Anarchy Online	anarchy-online.com
AOP BBS	aop.org
Aquila BBS	aquila.com
Atlanta Windows BBS, The	bbs.atlwin.com
Black Gold BBS	bgbbs.com
Carolina Chat, Inc.	carolina-chat.com

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BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Files (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
ChatMaster BBS	cmaster.com
Club Met	clubmet.com
Compu-Erotica	cebbs.com
CybaLink BBS	gw.cybalink.com
Cybercat Online	cycat.com
CyberDen, The	cyberden.com
Dirty Hacker BBS, The	205.161.119.237
Downtown BBS, The	dwntwn.com
Emergency BBS On-Line	emergency.com
English Palace BBS, The	palace.com
ExecNet Info Systems	execnet.com
Fire House Inn, The	fhouse.org
FIOaTIng PancReAs, The	pancreas.com
French Connection BBS, The	206.170.76.1
FSU BBS	fsubbs.com
GRAFIX	grafix.com
Great Gig in the Sky	greatgig.com
HAL 9000 BBS	HAL9K.COM
HeartBeat BBS	heartbeat.org
High Society	hs.wisenet.com
Hotel California	Kincyb.com
HTP Net Online	htp.com
Invention Factory BBS, The	factory.com
KBBS Los Angeles	kbbs.kbbsnet.com
Kitsap Information Network	kinn.com
Kompleat Internet Services	bbs.kis.net
Liberty BBS	liberty.com
Love Bytes	bytenet.com
Magnus Online	online.magnus1.com
Maloca BBS Toronto	bbs.maloca.com
Naperville File Exchange	nfebbs.nfe.com
Net-link Online	net-link.com
NiteLife	nite.intermac.com 3004



BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Files (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
North*Star BBS	norcom.mb.ca
NTIS FedWorld	fedworld.gov
OnLine Now	oln.com
OS/2 Shareware BBS	bbs.os2bbs.com
"OVER the EDGE!!" Adult	198.30.29.61
Pacifier Online Data Service	Pods.pacifier.com
Patchbay BBS, The	patchbay.com
Pennsylvania Online!	paonline.com
Pics On-Line BBS	bbs.pics.com
Prostar Plus Network	prostar.com
Rose City Online	rosey.com
Rusty-N-Edie's BBS	rne.com
Software Connection Online	sco.softconn.co.za
Southern Star BBS	sstar.com
Space BBS	bbs.spacebbs.com
T-8000 Information Systems	t8000.com
TechNet BBS	tnbbs.com
Trader's Connection (TCO)	trader.com
Tri-State Digital Imaging	tsdi.com
Ultimate Connection, The	freebbs.com
Vortex Graphics	Vortex.mortimer.com
Windows OnLine	WOL.COM
Wyld On-Line	wyld.com
<b>Messages</b>	
<b>5 stars</b>	
File Bank BBS, The	bbs.tfb.com
Infinite Data Source On-Line	bbs.idsonline.com
Kingston Online Services	bbs.kosone.com
Liberty BBS	liberty.com
ONline WELCOME	bbs.onwe.co.za
Spring Guide, The	spring.com
WELL, The	well.com
World Data Network BBS	wdn.com

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BBS name	Telnet address
<b>Messages (continued)</b>	
<b>4 stars</b>	
1990 MultiLine BBS	bbs.multiline.com.au
Abingdon Online	abol.com
Aquila BBS	aquila.com
Auggie BBS	bbs.augsburg.edu
Black Gold BBS	bgbbs.com
City Lights, The	tclbbs.com
Club Met	clubmet.com
Community Access BBS	CAbbs.com
ComPart BBS	compart.fi
Diamond Mine BBS	diamond.intersef.net
Dreamscape BBS	future.dreamscape.com
Fast! BBS	bbs.fast.co.za
FLOaTing PancReAs, The	pancreas.com
Great Gig in the Sky	greatgig.com
GREX (tn)	cyberspace.org
Ground Zero BBS	gzero.com
HACOM BBS	bbs.hacom.nl
Janis II - Tokyo	asianet.net
Malum Information Network	malum.ab.ca
MCM III BBS	legal.com
Monochrome	mono.org
Monolith BBS	130.89.228.12
Moonflower	moon.iea.com
NTIS FedWorld	fedworld.gov
OnLine Now	oln.com
Pennsylvania Online!	paonline.com
Public Data Network	bbs.chatlink.com
Radio Wave	radiowave.com
Rose City Online	rosey.com
ShareWare South	155.229.85.5
Southern Star BBS	sstar.com
Thanatos BBS	a26.cc.umist.ac.uk
The Brewers' Witch BBS	brewich.com

BBS name	Telnet address
Information	
<b>5 stars</b>	
Anarchy Online	anarchy-online.com
CyberDen, The	cyberden.com
Edward Lowe Foundation	bbs.lowe.org
Emergency BBS On-Line	emergency.com
EuroGate	eurogate.iit.nl
Farm Information Services	fis.awp.com
France Online	france.com
Global Blind Exchange, The	gbx.org
Great Gig in the Sky	greatgig.com
KnoxLink	online.knoxnews.com
NTIS FedWorld	fedworld.gov
PrinterNet	printer-net.com
Readiness Operation, The	trobb.com
Santa Fe Online	sfol.com
Sysop News BBS	sysop.com
Trader's Connection (TCON)	trader.com
Vail OnLine	vailonline.vailnet.org
<b>4 stars</b>	
AECNET	aecnet.com
Afterimage Info Matrix	aim.novasys.com
Anaheim Hills Online	aho.com
AOP BBS	aop.org
Auto/BrokerNet	bbs.autobroker.net
Behavioral Health Network	behavnet.com
Boardwatch Magazine BBS	boardwatch.com
CAM (AIDS Ministries)	hwbbs.gb-gm-umc.org
Construction OnLine	199.166.4.9
Courier Online	col.evansville.net
Delaware Valley On Line	dvol.com
Dental-X-Change	odont.com
Denver Exchange	bbs.tde.com
Designlink	designlink.com
Digital Velocity BBS	bbs.dv.nortel.net



## APPENDIX D: TOP-RATED INTERNET BBSS BY CATEGORY

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Information (continued)	
<b>4 stars (continued)</b>	
eSoft Support/Demo BBS	esoft.com
Excalibur Headquarters BBS	@excaliburbbs.excalbbs.com
EZNet	eznetny.com
Fire House Inn, The	fhouse.org
FLOaTIng PancReAs, The	pancreas.com
Flower Link BBS, The	flowerlink.com
Galacticomm DEMO System	gcomm.com
Gateway Online	bbs.gatecom.com
Graphics Alternative, The	tgax.com
Hampton's Online	hamptons.com
Huntsville Valley On-Line	www.huntshome.com
IACC Online BBS	iacc.housing.umich.edu
Infinite Data Source On-Line	bbs.idsonline.com
infoNet BBS	infousa.com
Insight Media	insight-media.co.uk
IntheNet OLS	inthenet.com
Liberty BBS	liberty.com
MCM III BBS	legal.com
NandoNet	camelot.nando.net
Nurse Net Nederland	bbs.nursing.nl
One Crossroads Place BBS	kcmo.com
OS/2 Shareware BBS	bbs.os2bbs.com
Pacifier Online Data Service	Pods.pacifier.com
PressRoom, The	pressroom.com
Property Line, The	wg.proline.com
S-TEK Gay and Lesbian BBS	stek.com
Secret Services Limited BBS	
Someplace to Start	s2s.com
SPACECON/Braveheart BBS	spacecon.ids.net
The Alliance BBS	alliancebbs.com
TRIBnet	199.2.128.3
Windows OnLine	WOL.COM
WorldClub Online	wcb.com

## *appendix E*

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# *Are you a newbie?*

There is a popular text file on Dragon Keep, `newbies.txt`, that was prepared some years ago by several members (Cyre, Galahad, and Asteroth—The Three TARDS). It is BBS satire at its best and has been only slightly altered for general consumption.

*NOTICE:* This file is extremely biased and raw. If you don't like it, don't read it! Whatever you do, don't complain to us about it. For your health and ours, you should try to restrict *all* bitching to less than ten minutes a day. ;)

## *You know you're a newbie if...*

- ...you don't know what action words are.
- ...you use all the action words, one at a time, in a row.
- ...you have macros for /#, Hello, and Goodbye.
- ...you actually use "`^#@&%&$@^% NO CARRIER`" as your exit message.
- ...you think poofing everyone in chat is fun. [*poofing*: knocking other members offline while in private chat by flooding their input buffers with special characters and causing the BBS to log them off.]
- ...you chat someone, and they poof you, and you log back on and ask them what happened, and they say, "Chat me and I'll tell you," and you do it.

- ...you log back on after they poof you the second time and ask them *how* they do it and they say, "Chat me and I'll show you" and they poof you again.
- ...If someone poofs you and you log back on and think they can't do it again because you turned call waiting off, and they poof you again.
- ...your messages actually say your action instead of generic action. Looks like this: From Galahad: galahad is laughing .
- ...If someone asks you for a loan and instead of giving them 3,600 credits you give them 36,000. [From Galahad: true story] [Credits are exchanged for online time, in his case, 3600 credits = 1 hour of time.]
- ...you write your private mail in the /open public forum.
- ...you have only been on for a week and you are level 24 in Kyrandia.
- ...you call the sysop names in the chat cuz you don't know who he is.
- ...you think macros are neat.
- ...you always use your macros three times in a row just so people know that they are macros.
- ...YOU LEAVE THE CAPS LOCK KEY ON.
- ...you Capitalize random Words In your sentences.
- ...you press alt-h for help.
- ...you actually press *y* when it asks you if you want to hangup.
- ...you press +++ because someone said it would give you credits.
- ...you press +++ and then can't get back from command mode, then you try to redial the BBS and get *ERROR*.
- ...you have a 14.4k modem and you can't get it to work at speeds higher than 2400.
- ...you leave it at 2400 because it's too hard to fix.
- ...you think you are cool because you log on at 57600 which is faster than 38400.
- ...you think you are the only one that gets 2000+ cps on downloads and therefore your modem is special. (Little did you know you were downloading uncompressed text files.) And you don't wonder why everyone else hasn't bought a modem like yours.
- ...you have a Mac because it's "easier to use and you don't have to memorize all those hard commands like *cd\* and *dir*."



- ...you think people will listen to you in chat if you enter and exit a whole bunch of times.
- ...your init string is ATZ and you don't know how to make it different. (Some people are exceptions to this, because of reasons a newbie wouldn't understand.)
- ...you have a handle that has all consonants and starts with something like Q or X, or is *Abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*.
- ...you think people will give you credits just because you say you don't have any.
- ...you type *fdklafdsljqprrt qewpitweiqt aqtwuwqtptqwiop jqwtwtppiuognfs* for several minutes because it's fun, or you want to get everyone's attention.
- ...you don't know how to change forums, so everything goes in */open*.
- ...you don't know what the forums *are*.
- ...you didn't know there was other stuff to do on the BBS besides chat.
- ...you didn't know there was anything on the BBS besides the pretty ANSI menus.
- ...you have never gotten past the part that says "Enter your login name:"
- ...you don't know how to work your comm program. (You don't know how to shell, make macros, edit init strings, etc.)
- ...you don't know what a *shell* or an *init* or, for that matter, a *comm. program* is.
- ...you just hit a button and your computer dials the BBS.
- ...your computer dials the BBS automatically when you boot up.
- ...your computer dials the keep automatically and logs on for you.
- ...your computer dials the BBS automatically and logs on for you and types for you.
- ...your computer changes your diapers.
- ...you keep a log-file every time you're online, like a continuous capture file.
- ...you log on, come into chat and say, "This BBS is for losers."
- ...you log on, come into chat and say, "This BBS is my life."
- ...you date people you meet on the BBS.
- ...you are boyfriend/girlfriend with people on the BBS you haven't met.
- ...you marry people on the BBS you haven't met.

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- ...you type really slow, and yet, when in private chat, you spot a mistake and back *all* the way up to correct it.
- ...you put real information in your user registry.
- ...you don't have a user registry.
- ...you are still on trial (demo) membership (obviously).
- ...you have been on for a year and are still on trial membership. (Does the term *Credit Leech* mean anything to you?)
- ...you are on trial membership and don't know why your credits keep disappearing.
- ...you hit Enter after you use a macro because you didn't know that was what ^M did.
- ...you try transferring credits to the sysop just to see what happens.
- ...you keep trying it again and again.
- ...you think its funny if you have a macro that says, "No macros allowed!" or, "What's a macro?"
- ...your blurb doesn't fit in the blurb space. [A blurb is like a tagline.]
- ...your handle is more than nine characters so you abbreviate it or leave out letters. Or you just leave the last few letters off.
- ...you always forget what your password is.
- ...you always forget what your handle is.
- ...you try to make a new handle every time you log on.
- ...you have to ask what *brb* or *bbl* means.
- ...somebody asks you what kind of modem you have, and you ask what a modem is.
- ...you use your dad's/mom's handle.
- ...you get lost in the menus.
- ...you whisper to people by typing *whisper* to in front of the recipient's name.
- ...you have been logging in less than one month, and claim you are not a newbie.
- ...you ask what a newbie is.
- ...you try to make a phone call and kick yourself off-line.

- ...you pick the phone up to see what the file you've been downloading sounds like on the phone.
- ...you use your real name for your handle.
- ...you run out of credits and make annoying enter/exit messages to beg for them.
- ...you leave the enter/exit messages that beg for credits even though you have credits again.
- ...you don't know what a .zip file is.
- ...you try to run a .zip file like its an executable file and you don't understand when it doesn't work, why someone would upload a game that doesn't run.
- ...you have to ask how to hang up.
- ...you forget you are online and waste all your credits.
- ...If somebody asks what kind of computer you have and you say, "IBM" or, "Apple."
- ...you have to page people to talk to them.
- ...you use more actions than you send actual messages.
- ...you use only GAs [generic actions] to communicate.
- ...you didn't realize that those things that beep and say, "Message from <username>" are actually to *you*.
- ...you download using Xmodem.
- ...you have to turn your computer off to get offline.
- ...you accidentally upload your root directory.
- ...you invite everyone to your private dimension just so you can poof and send everyone back to first. (From Cyre: Hey, I do that!)
- ...you wonder why your high-speed modem doesn't go fast when you log on to a 2400 line.
- ...you don't know how to unzip a file.
- ...you want to upload something, so you upload each individual file separately and unzipped.
- ...you upload pkzip.exe along with the uploaded file because you had to copy it into the directory.
- ...you didn't realize that the other users online were real people.



- ...you actually start believing that your handle is your real name, and make up a story to support the idea.
- ...you have no friends. (Even on the BBS.)
- ...you don't know what kind of computer you have at all. "Well, its white, has a lot of buttons on it, and has a TV so you can see."
- ...you log to impress on your friends how sophisticated you are.
- ...you don't have a computer at all, and you log at your girlfriend's house so you don't have to look at her.
- ...you have been logging so much after you first get on, that you can faintly see the computer monitor in front of you even when you are not looking at it.
- ...you have been logging so much after you first get on, that you can faintly see the home row keys (asdf jkl;) imprinted on your fingers.
- ...your handle is exactly like a long-time user's, except you spelled yours wrong.
- ...you enter your private chat area and don't know how to get out.
- ...you think this is mean to the newbies:

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Text File Up Thar.

Nuff' said.

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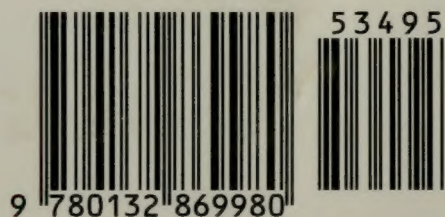
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